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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON NOVEMBER 5, 2008, BEGINS ON PAGE 143.]**

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING WILL NOW PLEASE COME TO ORDER.
8 PLEASE STAND. THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY
9 FATHER JIM BEVACQUA OF THE HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN
10 GLENDALE FROM THE 5TH DISTRICT, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED
11 BY DANIEL ORTEGA, CORPORAL, POST NUMBER 1846, CERRITOS, THE
12 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

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14 **FATHER JIM BEVACQUA:** GOD OUR CREATOR, AS WE LOOK WEST UPON THE
15 BLUE PACIFIC OCEAN, WE ARE BLESSED. AS WE LOOK NORTH TOWARDS
16 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, WE ARE BLESSED. AS WE LOOK SOUTH
17 TOWARDS OUR MAGNIFICENT HARBOR, WE ARE BLESSED. AS WE LOOK
18 EASTWARD ALONG THE GREAT THOROUGHFARE THAT IS THE 10 FREEWAY
19 AND THEN BEYOND TOWARDS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WE ARE TRULY
20 BLESSED IN SO MANY WAYS TO BE AN INCREDIBLE PART OF THE GREAT
21 COUNTY THAT IS NAMED IN HONOR OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE
22 ANGELS. WE HAVE BEGUN THIS MAGNIFICENT DAY WITH ANTICIPATION
23 AND RENEWED HOPE AS WE HAVE ELECTED OUR NEW OFFICIALS AND OUR
24 COUNTRY'S NEW PRESIDENT AND WE HAVE VOTED ON SOME OF THE
25 PRESSING ISSUES OF OUR CONSTITUENCY. MAY ALL OF US TRULY BE



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1 SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE. MAY WE ALWAYS WORK FOR THE COMMON
2 GOOD. WE ASK FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING UPON OUR FIVE SUPERVISORS.
3 MAY THEY NEVER FORGET THEIR CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE ENTRUSTED
4 THEIR COUNTY INTO THE HANDS OF OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MAY
5 THEY WORK TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY AND TOGETHER WITH ALL ELECTED
6 OFFICIALS. MAY THEY NEVER TIRE IN MAKING OUR GREAT COUNTY ONE
7 OF THE GREATEST COUNTIES OF THE WORLD. GRACIOUS GOD, WE ASK
8 YOU TO FILL OUR SUPERVISORS WITH ALL THE KNOWLEDGE AND GIFTS
9 THAT THEY WILL NEED TO SERVE YOUR PEOPLE. FILL THEM WITH YOUR
10 TRUTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PEACE. WHERE THERE IS CORRUPTION, LET
11 THEM REFORM IT. WHERE THERE IS ERROR, LET THEM CORRECT IT.
12 WHERE IT IS RIGHT, LET THEM DEFEND IT. WHERE THERE IS WANT,
13 LET THEM PROVIDE IT. WHERE THERE IS DIVIDE, LET THEM REUNITE
14 IT. WE ASK THIS FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GLORY NOW AND FOREVER,
15 AMEN.

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17 **DANIEL ORTEGA:** WOULD YOU PLACE YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR HEART AND
18 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF
19 AMERICA. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
24 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO ASK MR. DANIEL
25 ORTEGA TO JOIN ME OVER HERE, PLEASE. DANIEL IS GOOD FRIEND AND



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1 A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS. HE HAS
2 LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR SOME 38 YEARS. HE IS
3 CURRENTLY THE SERVICE OFFICER FOR THE V.F.W. POST 1846 AND HAS
4 BEEN A POST COMMANDER AS WELL. HE SERVED THREE YEARS WITH A
5 THIRD MARINE DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS IN
6 KOREA. HE RECEIVED THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT
7 MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL
8 WITH A STAR AND THE UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL. HE RETIRED
9 FROM MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AS A SPACE DIVISION MANAGER. HE IS
10 MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN. SO DANIEL HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND
11 OF NINE AND THE CITY OF CERRITOS AND ONCE AGAIN HAS
12 VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME TO COME DOWN HERE AND LEAD US IN THE
13 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU,
14 DANIEL. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
17 WILL BE HERE IN JUST A MOMENT.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
21 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
22 THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM 2-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
23 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE
24 BEFORE YOU. 2-D.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 2-D.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS BEING HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND
4 ITEMS 1-D AND 3-D ARE BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
10 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM 2-H, AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE ACTING EXECUTIVE
12 DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY,
13 NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 1-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9. ON
23 ITEM NUMBER 5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
24 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 10 THROUGH 60. ON
6 ITEM NUMBER 10, WE WILL HOLD, AS IT IS A 4-VOTE MATTER. ON
7 ITEM NUMBER 11, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
8 BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 18TH, 2008.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 13, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
14 NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, AS INDICATED ON THE
19 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
20 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE AND ALSO ON THIS
21 ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
22 THIS ITEM

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD 14.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 18,
3 THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
4 AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS
5 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 27,
7 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
8 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 28, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER
10 18TH, 2008.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 30, AS INDICATED ON THE
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUESTS
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 31, AS INDICATED ON THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUESTS
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 32, WE WILL HOLD THIS AS
2 IT'S A 4-VOTE MATTER. ON ITEM NUMBER 34, THERE'S A REQUEST
3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER
4 42, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
5 ITEM. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 58, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
6 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
7 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 21, ORDINANCES FOR
13 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 61 THROUGH 63. ON ITEM 61, THE CHIEF
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
15 WEEK TO NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 62, I'LL READ THE SHORT
20 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE
21 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE
22 ADDITION, DELETION AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS
23 AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO
24 IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION STUDIES TO UPDATE
25 COMPENSATION PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE MINOR TECHNICAL



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1 CORRECTIONS, AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
2 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 63, AS
3 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THIS ORDINANCE IS FOR
4 ADOPTION INSTEAD OF INTRODUCTION AND CAN BE TAKEN UP BY YOUR
5 BOARD NOW.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTER, ON ITEM NUMBER 64, I'LL
11 READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A TREASURER
12 AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION
13 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2002 SERIES D
15 ELECTION, 2004 SERIES I, AND ELECTION OF 2005 SERIES F IN
16 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 950 MILLION.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST GOT A REQUEST, IF WE
22 COULD GO BACK ON ITEM NUMBER 13 AND ITEM NUMBER 61. THOSE WERE
23 BEING CONTINUED FOR-- THE REQUEST WAS TO CONTINUE IT FOR ONE
24 WEEK. HOWEVER, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WOULD ACTUALLY LIKE TO
25 HOLD THOSE ITEMS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND WHAT WAS-- 13 AND WHICH
3 ITEM?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 13 AND THE RELATED ITEM, 61.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 22,
10 DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 65 THROUGH 69. WE WILL HOLD ITEMS 65
11 THROUGH 67 FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEMS 68 AND 69, WE WILL HOLD
12 FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
13 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
14 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 70-A.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 70-B, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
20 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT THAT
21 COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS
22 BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE CALL UP NUMBER 10, WHICH WAS 4-
2 VOTE, AND THAT WILL BE MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
3 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ITEM 32.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND 32, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY
8 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA AND
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH THE 5TH
12 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. FIRST HE
15 HAS A PRESENTATION TO FATHER

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION TO FATHER BEVACQUA,
18 WHO LED US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING. THE FATHER'S FAMILY WAS IN
19 THE MILITARY, SO HE WAS BORN IN MUNICH, GERMANY, AND HE WAS
20 ORDAINED ON MAY 31ST, 2003, AT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF
21 THE ANGELS, WHICH WAS THE FIRST CLASS-- WHICH MADE HISTORY BY
22 BEING THE FIRST CLASS TO BE ORDAINED AT THE CATHEDRAL. HE HAD
23 PARISHES ASSIGNMENTS IN SAN PEDRO, A LOT OF GOOD CROATIANS AND
24 ITALIANS DOWN THERE, AND IN PASADENA. AND CURRENTLY HE'S NOW
25 AT HOLY FAMILY IN GLENDALE, SO HIS FREE TIME IS SURFING, GOING



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1 TO MOTION PICTURES, READING, WORKING OUT AT THE GYM, MOUNTAIN
2 BIKING AND TRAVELING AND PRAYER. RIGHT? A LOT OF PRAYER. SO
3 FATHER, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND WE WISH YOU GOD SPEED
4 WITH YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT AND YOUR NEW PARISH. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE STARS, SO THAT WE'LL CALL UP
7 NOVEMBER L.A. COUNTY STARS, SERVICE EXCELLENCE, THE
8 TRADITIONAL A.I.D.S. YOUTH NAVIGATION TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF MENTAL HEALTH. THE TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, T.A.Y., DIVISION
10 WAS CREATED IN 2006 AND FUNDED THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH
11 SERVICE ACT. THE T.A.Y. NAVIGATION TEAM'S PRIMARY FUNCTION IS
12 TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT SERVICES, SUPPORT AND
13 LINKAGE SERVICES TO SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED OR SEVERE
14 AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS, AGES 16 THROUGH 25, YOUTH
15 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHO WOULD OTHERWISE REMAIN UNSERVED OR
16 UNDERSERVED. THE YOUTH SERVED TEND TO HAVE LIFE STRUGGLES
17 INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS, CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE, LACK
18 RELIABLE FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEMS LIMITED EMPLOYMENT AND
19 EDUCATION HISTORY. THE TEAM DELIVERS SERVICES IN THE FIELD,
20 UTILIZING A "WHEREVER IT TAKES" APPROACH AND THEIR GOAL FOR
21 IDENTIFYING, ENGAGING AND LINKING T.A.Y. TO SERVICES. ON A
22 DAILY BASIS, THE T.A.Y. NAVIGATION TEAM DEMONSTRATES THEIR
23 ABILITY TO QUICKLY ASSESS AND INTERVENE IN SITUATIONS
24 INVOLVING T.A.Y. CLIENTS. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH
25 EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, PROBATION,
2 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY AND
3 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING DROP-IN CENTERS TO
4 PROVIDE BASIC NEEDS TO THE YOUTH SUCH AS SHELTER, FOOD,
5 TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH. THESE EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN
6 MEASURABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTCOMES FOR SEVERAL T.A.Y.
7 CLIENTS WHO ARE SERVED THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT.
8 FUNDING ALLOWS FOR LINKAGE FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORT, REDUCTION
9 IN HOMELESSNESS, DECREASE IN REINSTITUTIONALIZATION, BENEFITS
10 ESTABLISHMENT, ACCESS TO SERVICES IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND
11 CREATION OF SOCIAL SUPPORT NETWORKS. CONGRATULATIONS.

12

13 **ALL:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS.

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17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME CALL UP SERGEANT JOSEPH ORTIZ, LANCE
24 CORPORAL DAVID VALDEZ, LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES INUO AND
25 SERGEANT DAVID HANAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, LIEUTENANT



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1 COLONEL JOHN KIRKPATRICK AND SERGEANT JASON STARKS. WE'RE
2 GOING TO PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 9TH THROUGH THE 15TH AS UNITED
3 STATES MARINES WEEK, NOVEMBER 10TH, THIS CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
4 IN 1775, QUOTE, "LET THERE BE TWO BATTALIONS BE RAISED AND BE
5 CALLED MARINES." SINCE THAT INCEPTION, THE UNITED STATES
6 MARINE CORPS HAS SERVED AS SHARP SHOOTERS FROM SHIP RIGGINGS
7 AND CLOSE BATTLES, EARNING THE MARINES' WELL DESERVED
8 REPUTATION AS RIFLEMEN. SINCE THE NATION TOOK ITS FIRST STEP
9 AS A WORLD POWER, UNITED STATES MARINES HAVE MARCHED IN STEP
10 GUIDING AND LEADING THE COUNTRY IN ASSERTING WE WILL BE THE
11 FIRST TO FIGHT AND CONFRONTING THE TROUBLE IN ANY CLIME AND
12 PLACE. MARINES HAVE SERVED WITH HONOR FROM THE SHORES OF
13 MONTEZUMA TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI. IN LOS ANGELES 61 YEARS
14 AGO, MARINES SHOWED ANOTHER CARING SIDE BY LAUNCHING THE "TOYS
15 FOR TOTS" PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT NEEDY CHILDREN WOULD RECEIVE
16 GIFTS DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. TODAY, OUR MARINE CORPS MAY
17 BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN PEACE TIME AND IN WAR WHERE
18 THEY ARE PROUDLY KNOWN AND CHERISHED AS AMERICA'S 9/11. SO WE
19 HAVE BEFORE US THIS RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
20 WHICH WE ARE NOW PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 9TH THROUGH THE 15TH,
21 2008, AS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WEEK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 IN CELEBRATION OF THE 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES
23 MARINE CORPS. GENTLEMEN? [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SIR. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMANDANT MARINE
2 CORPS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS TREMENDOUS HONOR. YOUR
3 LOCAL MARINE CORPS RESERVE BATTALION, SECOND BATTALION 23RD
4 MARINES HEADQUARTERED IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, WILL ACTIVATE
5 ON 1 DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR. WE'LL THEN MOVE TO CAMP PENDLETON,
6 CALIFORNIA, FOR SEVERAL MONTHS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING BEFORE
7 DEPLOYING TO IRAQ IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, SO
8 THANK YOU AGAIN, SIR, FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND THANK YOU FOR
9 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE SHEPHERD MIX NAMED BELLA
12 WHO IS ONLY EIGHT WEEKS OLD AND SHE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME, SO
13 THIS IS BELLA, WITH THE FREDERICKS OF HOLLYWOOD DOG COAT.
14 ANYWAY, THIS IS LITTLE BELLA WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. COMES
15 WITH A LITTLE WHITE NOSE. CALL (562) 728-4644 OR IF YOU HAVE A
16 HOME. DON, FOR ONE OF THE GRANDCHILDREN? DONALD? ONE OF THE
17 GRANDCHILDREN? HUH?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT YOU'D MENTION MY NAME.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LITTLE GRANDCHILD WOULD LOVE THIS LITTLE
22 BELLA.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA. HE'LL BE BIG. I'D LIKE
25 TO CALL FORWARD RUDY GARCIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION EACH YEAR ON NOVEMBER 11,
2 WE TAKE THE TIME TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR NATION'S MILITARY
3 VETERANS FOR ALL THEIR SACRIFICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE
4 MADE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM WORLDWIDE. MORE THAN 24 MILLION
5 LIVING VETERANS HAVE RISKED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT THEIR
6 FELLOW COUNTRYMEN. IT IS FITTING THAT WE PAUSE ON THE 90TH
7 ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR COURAGEOUS
8 VETERANS AND ALL THOSE IN COMBAT OVERSEAS AND THE FAMILIES
9 THAT AWAIT THEIR SAFE RETURN. THESE VETERANS HAVE ESTABLISHED
10 A GREAT LEGACY OF PATRIOTISM AND HONOR. THEIR SERVICE
11 EXEMPLIFIES THE HIGHEST FORM OF CITIZENSHIP. IT IS WITH GREAT
12 PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO CHAIRMAN RUDY GARCIA AS
13 WE SALUTE THE SERVICES OF OUR VETERANS AND HONOR THEIR
14 SACRIFICE AND PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 11TH, 2008, AS VETERANS DAY IN
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **RUDY GARCIA:** ON BEHALF OF ALL MY MEN AND THE FELLOWS THAT I
18 REPRESENT, I WISH TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW, IF I MIGHT HAVE
19 JUST A MOMENT, WOULD EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE PLEASE CLOSE
20 YOUR EYES FOR A MOMENT, PLEASE CLOSE YOUR EYES FOR A MOMENT.
21 I'M GOING TO SAY THE WORD VETERAN. A PICTURE COMES TO YOUR
22 MIND. OPEN YOUR EYES. VETERAN. VETERANS COME FROM ALL OVER
23 THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS. THEY COME IN ALL DIFFERENT SIZES
24 AND ALL DIFFERENT SHAPES. THEY COME IN MALE AND FEMALE, THEY
25 COME FROM ALL DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS AND ALL



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1 DIFFERENT ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, BUT THEY ONLY COME IN THREE
2 COLORS: RED, WHITE AND BLUE. IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH
3 THAT, GET THE HELL OUT OF DODGE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD REPRESENTATIVES
6 FROM THE CITY OF CARSON, SHELL OIL PRODUCTS U.S.A., THE LOS
7 ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS AND CERRELL ASSOCIATES. IN 2007,
8 SHELL'S PRESIDENT, JOHN HOFFMEISTER, MET WITH REGIONAL LEADERS
9 PLEDGING TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO HELP GREEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
10 RATHER THAN SIMPLY MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION, SHELL OPTED TO
11 PARTNER WITH CREDIBLE AND RELIABLE ORGANIZATION SUCH AS L.A.
12 CONSERVATION CORPS AND NORTHEAST TREES, TO HELP PLAN AND
13 EXECUTE SEVERAL TREE-PLANTING EVENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY. CARSON HAS BEEN HOME TO SHELL'S DISTRIBUTION
15 FACILITIES FOR OVER 80 YEARS. AS A RESULT, SHELL, ONE OF THE
16 LARGEST TREE-PLANTING EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE IN THIS COMMUNITY.
17 SHELL PARTNERED WITH THE CITY OF CARSON AND L.A. CONSERVATION
18 CORPS, CONCEIVED PLAN AND PUBLICIZED OCTOBER 4TH, 2008 TREE
19 PLANTING EVENT. ORIGINALLY SHELL EXPECTED 200 VOLUNTEERS BUT
20 THEY RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND
21 ENDED UP WITH OVER 500 VOLUNTEERS. THE DAY BEGAN WITH
22 REGISTRATIONS, BREAKFASTS AND A COMMEMORATIVE TREE-PLANTING
23 EVENT AT CARSON PARK. TEAMS OF VOLUNTEERS FANNED OUT TO 15
24 DESIGNATED PLANNING LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. EACH SITE
25 HAD A CAPTAIN TO TEACH THEM HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR THE



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1 TREES, ENSURING THAT CARSON'S NEWLY FOUND GREENERY WILL
2 CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE YEARS TO COME. AFTER THE PLANTING, ALL
3 VOLUNTEERS MET AT CARSON PARK FOR MUSIC, ACTIVITIES, GIVE-
4 AWAYS, EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS ON ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS AND A WELL-
5 DESERVED LUNCH. WITH EVERYONE'S HELP AND SUPPORT, OVER 300
6 TREES WERE PLANTED. THE EVENT BROUGHT THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER
7 TO HELP MAKE THEIR CITY ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY. IT IS WITH
8 GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO SHELL OIL
9 PRODUCTS U.S.A., TO THE CONSERVATION CORPS, THE CITY OF CARSON
10 AND CERRELL ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PARTNERSHIP,
11 PLANTING TREES AND MAKING CARSON GREEN. FIRST L.A.
12 CONSERVATION CORPS RIGHT HERE. OKAY. SHELL OIL PRODUCTS U.S.
13 CITY OF CARSON. AND CERRELL ASSOCIATES. AND WE'LL TAKE A
14 PICTURE WITH EVERYONE, AND THEN WHO IS GOING TO SPEAK?
15 EVERYONE?

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17 **SPEAKER:** NO. I THINK CERRELL AND SHELL-- EVERYONE, OKAY. ALL
18 RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, SHELL FIRST, AND THEN WE
21 HAVE TO HAVE CONSERVATION CORPS SAY SOMETHING, AND THE CITY
22 SAY SOMETHING.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS AND
25 TO SUPERVISOR BURKE AND HER OFFICE, DELL HAFF AS WELL. IT WAS



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1 REALLY A PLEASURE FOR US TO BE A PART OF THIS AND TO PARTNER
2 WITH CERRELL AND THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE L.A. CONSERVATION
3 CORPS AT SHELL. THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE OPERATE IS
4 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US AND WE TAKE OUR OPERATIONS IN THE
5 COMMUNITY VERY SERIOUSLY AND IT WAS REALLY JUST A PLEASURE FOR
6 US TO PLANT THESE TREES AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO BE A GOOD
7 CORPORATE CITIZEN IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE OPERATE. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CITY OF CARSON?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARSON, I WANTED TO THANK
13 YOU SO MUCH FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND ALL THE VOLUNTEER WORK AND
14 ORGANIZATION THAT WENT INTO THIS. IT WAS A GREAT DAY AND GREAT
15 TO SEE SO MANY TREES GOING IN AND PEOPLE INVOLVED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE APPRECIATE CONSERVATION CORPS SO MUCH.
18 WOULD YOU PLEASE SAY A WORD

19

20 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS, IT'S
21 BEEN A PLEASURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND, OF COURSE,
22 THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED
23 SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. IT WAS ALSO A
24 PLEASURE WORKING WITH CERRELL, SHELL AND THE CITY OF CARSON



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1 AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING GREENING THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND DOING A GREAT JOB AT IT.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF MY ASSOCIATES AT CERRELL, I WOULD LIKE
7 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DELL HAFF FOR
8 EVERYTHING. WE REALLY HAD A GREAT TIME WORKING WITH SHELL,
9 L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS AND THE CITY OF CARSON. IT WAS TRULY A
10 FUN FEW HOURS THAT HELPED BEAUTIFY THE CITY AND WE'RE GLAD WE
11 WERE A PART OF IT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE. DOES SOMEONE HAVE
16 YAROSLAVSKY'S PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I THINK
17 YOU HAVE--

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE DID IT ALREADY.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE DID IT ALREADY. AND YAROSLAVSKY. OKAY. I
22 THINK YOU'RE UP. OR WHO'S UP FIRST? I THINK SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH IS UP FIRST FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, ON ITEMS 13 AND 61, SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE HIS HOLDS AND INSTEAD HAVE
3 THESE ITEMS CONTINUED-- ACTUALLY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
4 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THESE ITEMS CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THOSE ARE ITEMS--

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEMS 13 AND 61.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON 13, IT WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
11 ONE WEEK, AND 61 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, WITHOUT
12 OBJECTION.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GREAT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VERY CLOSE FRIEND, DR. JIRIRE BOYAJIAN. DR.
17 BOYAJIAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91, WAS A PROMINENT
18 PHYSICIAN AND LEADER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALSO IN THE
19 ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. HE MAINTAINED A PRIVATE GENERAL PRACTICE
20 IN OUR COUNTY FOR OVER 50 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING, AND WAS
21 FOUNDER OF THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. HE WAS INVOLVED
22 WITH MANY PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES ALONG WITH THE LOS ANGELES
23 MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE HOLLYWOOD ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, WAS
24 FORMER PRESIDENT LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE BENEVOLENT UNION,
25 AS FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES ARMENIAN PROFESSIONAL



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1 SOCIETY AND PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF ARMENIAN MUSIC AT THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND A MEMBER OF THE
3 FRATERNAL ORDER KNIGHTS OF VARTAN. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF
4 U.C.L.A. WHERE HE WAS CHAMPION IN FENCING AND REGULAR
5 COLUMNIST FOR THE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY NEWSPAPER. HE AND HIS
6 WIFE WERE INVOLVED WITH MY FIRST POLITICAL ELECTION AND VERY
7 CLOSE WITH THE NEIGHBORS OF THE FRIEDMAN FAMILIES IN THE LOS
8 FELIZ AREA. MOTHER ROSA BROADUS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
9 91, WAS KNOWN AS A COMMUNITY LEADER OF THE CHURCH AND THE
10 COMMUNITY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SHE WAS A CHARTER MEMBER
11 OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE N.A.A.C.P.,
12 ORGANIZED THE FIRST NEGRO HISTORY WEEK PROGRAM IN THE SAN
13 FERNANDO VALLEY AND WAS INVOLVED WITH THE BOY SCOUTS, THE GIRL
14 SCOUTS AND THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER 9
15 CHILDREN, 32 GRANDCHILDREN, 40 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND 12
16 GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
17 REPRESENTING THE PACOIMA AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY 13 YEARS AS
18 SUPERVISOR, AND PLEASED TO HAVE HER SUPPORT AND HER FAMILY'S
19 SUPPORT DURING THAT TIME.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JOIN IN THAT? AND I IMAGINE
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REPRESENTS PACOIMA NOW. ALL MEMBERS.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WILLIAM HOLMES ANDRES WHO PASSED AWAY
25 FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WAS AN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER FOR



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1 N.A.S.A. FOR 30 YEARS, A VETERAN IN WORLD WAR II WITH THE
2 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. BARBARA JEAN BURROWS OF LA CANADA-
3 FLINTRIDGE, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THE DISCONSO
4 GARDENS, RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING OF THE DOUGLAS R. BURROWS
5 PHOTO JOURNALISM SECTION AT THE LA CANADA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.
6 MARY LOU COOK, WHO WAS EMPLOYEE OF THE PALMDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT. ALICE MAE GARRISON. SHE WAS A MEMBER, WENT ON TO
8 SERVE IN THE-- EIGHT OF HER SONS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
9 ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD. ONE OF HER SONS ROSE TO THE RANK OF
10 MAJOR GENERAL, ANOTHER TO THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR. SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND WILLIE. JIM YUKIHIRO MIYANO, PASSED
12 AWAY ON OCTOBER 12TH AT THE AGE OF 72 AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS
13 CHILDREN JAMES, JIM AND CARYLANN, AND GRANDCHILDREN NIKI AND
14 NATASHA. JIM WORKED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS WITH SUPERVISOR ED
15 EDELMAN, WHO WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND HIS SON WORKED IN MY
16 OFFICE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. LEON PARKS, JR., EMPLOYEE OF THE
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. LEON IS THE FATHER OF TAMMY JOHNSON WHO IS
18 EMPLOYED IN OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE. HE WAS AN ARMY VETERAN,
19 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES CONFLICT IN VIETNAM WAR. DURING
20 THAT WAR, HE WAS WOUNDED AND RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART. HE IS
21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 42 YEARS, BARBARA AND THEIR DAUGHTERS
22 ROSALIND AND SON ANTHONY. BEVERLEE ELAINE RUMPF, A LONG TIME
23 RESIDENT, ANTELOPE VALLEY, ACTIVE IN THE GRACE CHAPEL FOR MANY
24 YEARS. AND STEPHEN RYAN SHINE, ALSO OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE
25 WAS A GRADUATE OF THE QUARTZ HILL AND WAS GRADUATE OF PALO



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1 ALTO WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY AND RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR OUR COUNTY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT
3 MOTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LET ME FIRST-- THIS IS A MOTION CO-
8 AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. UTILITY USER TAX MEASURE "U,"
9 WHICH IMPACTS THE UNINCORPORATED AREA VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY
10 OVERWHELMINGLY AGREED THAT SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED
11 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY ARE A HIGH PRIORITY. THE VOTERS
12 APPROVED MEASURE "U" WHICH CONTINUES THE UTILITIES USERS TAX
13 FOR CENTRAL SERVICES INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, PARK AND
14 LIBRARY OPERATIONS, STREET REPAIRS, COMMUNITY SERVICES,
15 INFRASTRUCTURE, TARGETED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. TO
16 ENSURE THAT WE ABIDE BY THE VOTERS MANDATE, FUNDS RESULTING
17 FROM THE COLLECTION OF THOSE TAXES, BOTH IN PAST AND
18 PROSPECTIVELY, SHOULD BE USED TO IMPROVE THOSE SERVICES FOR
19 THOSE RESIDENTS. SO WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
20 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/10
21 PROPOSED BUDGET WITH A PLAN TO SPEND THE UTILITY USER TAX
22 REVENUES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTENT OF MEASURE "U," WHICH
23 ARE SERVICES DEDICATED TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THIS IS
24 FOR A REPORT BACK.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THIS A REPORT BACK?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THEN ITEM 2-D.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS. ARNOLD SACHS? ARNOLD SACHS,
11 AND IF YOU'LL COME DOWN HERE AND STAY, PLEASE, WE'LL CALL ALL
12 YOUR ITEMS.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 2-D.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. 2-D. THIS IS A HOMELESS
17 ITEM, AND SO, I'M CURIOUS, I'VE ASKED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS,
18 EVEN AT ONE TIME YOU GAVE AN UPDATE, PROGRESS OF THE HOMELESS
19 50 PROJECT. STILL WAITING TO SEE HOW THAT'S PANNED OUT, IT'S
20 ALMOST THE END OF THE YEAR, TOOK THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT,
21 YOU FOUND EVERYBODY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO FIND 50 HOMELESS
22 PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROJECT. THEN IN JUNE OR JULY, IT WAS
23 ONE UPDATE, THAT 25 PEOPLE HAD BEEN PUT INTO HOUSING OF SOME
24 SORT OR FACILITY CARE. SO I WAS WONDERING, APPROXIMATELY,
25 SINCE THE PROGRAM WAS ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS OLD AND



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1 IT'S ALMOST THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR, WE FIND OUT WHATEVER
2 HAPPENED TO THE OTHER 25 PEOPLE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
5 MOLINA.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I GUESS THAT'S A "NO."

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 5.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE HAVING YOUR COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES
12 IN SACRAMENTO DO SOME WORK FOR YOU. AND BASED ON SOME OF THE
13 CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED HERE REGARDING M.L.K. AND THE
14 NURSING SITUATION THERE, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE READ THE "L.A.
15 TIMES" AND AN ARTICLE THAT WAS ON SUNDAY'S NEWSPAPERS, NURSES'
16 CRIMINAL RECORDS LONG OVERLOOKED." IN GENERAL, IT'S TWO YEARS
17 FOR STATE REGULATORS TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST
18 CONVICTED SEXUAL OFFENDERS WHO HAVE THEIR NURSING LICENSE. THE
19 TIMES REPORTS THAT OF THE 40 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S 344,000
20 REGISTERED NURSES HAD NO FINGERPRINTS ON RECORD BECAUSE THEY
21 WERE NOT REQUIRED FOR 1990. AFTER THE STORY RAN, THE BOARD OF
22 REGISTERED NURSES VOTED TO REQUIRE FINGERPRINTED FOR ALL OF
23 ITS LICENSEES. SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD HAVE
24 YOUR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO ALSO ADVOCATE
25 FOR A LITTLE BIT OF MOVEMENT REGARDING NURSING CARE. IT SEEMS



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1 TO BE A BIG PROBLEM IN THE COUNTY FACILITIES BUT IT ALSO SEEMS
2 TO BE A BIG PROBLEM IN PRIVATE FACILITIES, AND I'M REALLY
3 CONCERNED THAT IF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTHER HAS TO GO TO THE
4 HOSPITAL AND SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT A NURSE COMING IN WHO IS A
5 RAPIST, WHO WOULD KNOW THAT THAT NURSE WAS A RAPIST IF THE
6 STATE IS SO SLOW ON ITS UPTAKE FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR
7 NURSES OR ACTING ON BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSES? AND I THINK
8 THAT THE ADVOCATES SHOULD ACT ON IT. THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE BEING
9 PAID FOR. AND IF IT'S A BIG PROBLEM IN L.A. COUNTY, THEN THE
10 ADVOCATES SHOULD ACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY IN THE STATE
11 LEGISLATION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY KNABE ON ITEM
14 NUMBER 5. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 14.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 14 IS BEING HELD UNTIL NEXT WEEK, BUT IT'S
19 OUTRAGEOUS. ANOTHER SALARIED EMPLOYEE-- I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS
20 MORE OUTRAGEOUS, THE FACT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET \$173,000 A
21 YEAR BEGINNING NOVEMBER-- ACTUALLY, NEXT TUESDAY, BUT IT'S
22 BEEN HELD, OR THE FACT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET A 3 PERCENT
23 SALARY INCREASE ON JANUARY 1ST. THAT'S BARELY ENOUGH TIME TO
24 PUT IN NEW PICTURES, AND THEY'RE GOING TO GET 5,000-- OVER
25 \$5,000 RAISE ON JANUARY 1ST. FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THE COUNTY



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1 HAS GOT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. EVEN THE RETIREMENT FUNDS ARE
2 FACING CRISIS. IS THE TOTAL PICTURE BETWEEN THIS ITEM AND ITEM
3 17 WITH NEW POSITIONS BEING APPROPRIATED, SALARIES I'M SURE
4 WILL BE APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE POSITIONS, IS THE TOTAL PICTURE
5 INCLUDING COMPENSATION BEING LOOKED INTO? THE PUBLIC IS BEING
6 PUT ON NOTICE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO COME UP TO FILL THE
7 DEFICIT THAT'S BEEN CREATED BETWEEN WHAT THE COUNTY'S
8 RETIREMENT PROGRAM HAS AND WHAT THE COUNTY'S RETIREMENT
9 PROGRAM SHOULD HAVE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHEN IS THE FOOT GOING TO COME DOWN ON THESE
14 SALARY INCREASES AND SALARY POSITIONS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 14, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
17 KNABE--

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, THIS ITEM ACTUALLY IS BEING
20 REFERRED BACK TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, REFERRED
23 BACK.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 17.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 17 IS FINE. THANK YOU, SIR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS ON ITEM 17? AND IT RELATES TO ITEM
10 62 AS WELL.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND ON 62 AS WELL? MOVED BY
13 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 62 IS
14 ALSO ADOPTED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 24.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 24. THIS IS AN ITEM REGARDING FUNDS FOR SIX
19 MEDICAL CENTERS FOR INSTALLATION OF MEDICATION-DISPENSING
20 CABINETS. THE CONTRACT CALLS FOR \$165,000 FIRST-YEAR MAXIMUM
21 COSTS AND A 5-YEAR TOTAL CONTRACT MAXIMUM COST OF \$2 MILLION.
22 NOW, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE MATH HERE. IF IT WAS \$165,000
23 FOR EACH OF THE FACILITIES, THAT WOULD COME TO \$990,000 PER
24 YEAR. AT FIVE YEARS, THAT'S OVER \$4 MILLION. SO THAT CAN'T BE
25 RIGHT. AND IF IT'S \$165,000 PER YEAR FOR ALL FIVE FACILITIES,



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1 THAT WOULD COME TO, LIKE, \$900,000 A YEAR, OR \$800,000 A YEAR.
2 SO THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE, 25 PERCENT OF
3 \$165,000, \$41,000 FOR ADDED COSTS, THAT'S RIGHT, AND OVER A 5-
4 YEAR PERIOD, THAT EQUALS \$206,000. THAT'S ALSO RIGHT. SO HOW
5 DOES THE BEGINNING COST OF THIS ITEM, WHICH RANGED FROM
6 \$990,000 TO \$490,000, HOW DO YOU DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THEM?
7 HOW DO YOU COME TO A HAPPY ENDING ON THAT? MAYBE YOU COULD
8 EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THAT ONE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 24, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY
11 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S A "NO."

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 42.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 42. ANOTHER CONTRACT. WORKING THE MATH OUT FOR
18 THIS, COMES TO \$14,500 A WEEK ON A CONTRACT OF \$735,000. \$360
19 AN HOUR, 40 HOURS A WEEK. HOW MANY EMPLOYEES IS THAT? IF YOU
20 HAD 20 EMPLOYEES, THAT WOULD MEAN THAT EACH ONE OF YOUR
21 EMPLOYEES WOULD BE GETTING \$30 AN HOUR-- OH NO, EXCUSE ME--
22 YEAH, \$30 AN HOUR. HOW MANY EMPLOYEES ARE BEING HIRED AT \$360
23 AN HOUR TO WORK FOR THE-- EXCUSE ME-- TO WORK IN JUVENILE
24 HALL, AS CLERICAL SERVICES? AND DOESN'T APPLEONE GET A
25 PERCENTAGE OF THE SALARIES? THEY GET A PERCENTAGE OF THE



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1 EMPLOYEES SALARIES BECAUSE THEY'RE PART-TIME WORKERS. ARE THEY
2 ALSO COVERED WITH HEALTHCARE OR DO THEY MEET THE COUNTY'S
3 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE LAW? IS THAT SALARY INCLUDED? IS THAT
4 ABOVE THAT MINIMUM WAGE AND APPLEONE IS GETTING A PERCENTAGE
5 OF THE WORKERS' FEES PLUS GETTING PAID BY THE COUNTY. THAT'S A
6 SWEET DEAL FOR APPLEONE. MAYBE YOU SHOULD CALL IT SWEET
7 APPLEONE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 58.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 58. I HAD A QUESTION LAST WEEK BUT I MISSED THIS
15 ITEM. THIS IS REGARDING PROVISIONAL VOTING IN THE COUNTY. IF
16 YOU VOTE OUTSIDE THE AREA THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED IN, YOU ARE
17 VOTING SOMETIMES FOR-- LIKE IN THIS PAST ELECTION, ITEMS
18 PARTICULAR TO THAT REGION. I HAPPEN TO WORK IN A BOARD
19 YESTERDAY IN MANHATTAN BEACH. I VOTED PROVISIONALLY, SO I WAS
20 ABLE TO VOTE ON A SCHOOL BOARD ISSUE THAT DOESN'T AFFECT ME.
21 MY QUESTION IS, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT IS LOOKED INTO BY THE
22 COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE? DO THEY LOOK THROUGH PEOPLE WHO
23 DON'T LIVE IN THAT PARTICULAR DISTRICT AND DO NOT COUNT THEIR
24 VOTES THAT PERTAIN TO DISTRICT-- THAT ARE QUESTIONS REGARDING
25 THAT DISTRICT'S FUTURE, WHETHER IT'S A SCHOOL BOND VOTE,



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1 WHETHER IT'S A WATER ISSUE, WHETHER IT'S A FEE INCREASE? IF
2 YOU LIVE OUTSIDE THAT DISTRICT AND YOU END UP VOTING FOR THOSE
3 ITEMS, ARE THEY COUNTED OR NOT COUNTED?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY
6 ANTONOVICH.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I AM THINKING ABOUT IT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE VOTING PROVISIONALLY. THERE'S NO WAY OF
13 KNOWING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 70-B.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 70-B. OH, 70-B. IN THE HEARINGS REGARDING THE
18 OIL FIELDS IN LADERA HEIGHTS, NOTHING WAS MENTIONED ABOUT
19 P.X.B. BEING THE LARGEST-- THE SECOND LARGEST LOBBYING--
20 CARRYING ON THE SECOND LARGEST LOBBYING IN THE COUNTY FOR THIS
21 YEAR, AT \$165,000. I'M SURE THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE
22 VOTE. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

23



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE, AND
2 THIS IS SO ORDERED SHOWING THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS RECORDED
3 AS "NO."

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 27.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** KAREN MORRIS.

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9 **KAREN MORRIS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. KAREN MORRIS WITH
10 S.E.I.U. 721. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
11 COMMEND THIS BOARD FOR LOOKING AT PATIENT FLOW AND APPROPRIATE
12 PLACEMENT OF PSYCH PATIENTS THAT COME UNDER THE COUNTY'S CARE.
13 I JUST WOULD LIKE YOU TO ENCOURAGE YOU ALL ALSO TO SEE THE
14 OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN WHICH IS THE DEPUTY PUBLIC GUARDIANS
15 THAT REALLY ARE THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THIS DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE
16 PROXY FAMILY MEMBERS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND, AGAIN, WE'RE
17 VERY PLEASED THAT THE COUNTY HAS COME UP WITH THIS MONEY AND
18 WE'RE REALLY HOPING THAT YOU'LL LOOK AGAIN AT THE OTHER SIDE
19 OF THE COIN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY
22 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON 27.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 68.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, ON ITEM NUMBER 68, THAT'S A
2 HEARING ITEM, AND IF I COULD HAVE ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO
3 TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON BOTH ITEMS, 68 AND 69, PLEASE
4 STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING
5 OATH.]

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON ITEM
8 NUMBER 68, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS
9 IS THE COMBINED HEARING ON SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NUMBER
10 2005-00010-5, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 2005-00202-5,
11 INVESTIGATING TENTATIVE TRACK MAP CASE NUMBER 063483-5 AND 5TH
12 ADDENDUM TO PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
13 RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOS
14 CANYON ROAD AND VIA PRINCESA, WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED
15 COMMUNITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, SAN CANYON ZONE DISTRICT,
16 PETITIONED BY CHARLEEN MATCLIFF ON BEHALF OF PARTY HOMES.

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18 **RAMON CORDOVA:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
19 RAMON CORDOVA AND I'M A SENIOR REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT
20 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PROJECT BEFORE
21 YOU THIS MORNING IS A REQUEST FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF
22 165 ATTACHED BE CONDOMINIUM UNITS AND 36 BUILDINGS IN THE
23 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH. THE PROJECT ALSO
24 REQUESTS A SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT FROM NEIGHBORHOOD
25 COMMERCIAL TO R-325 OVER A PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE. A



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1 VESTING TENTATIVE MAP HAS BEEN FILED TO AUTHORIZE THE
2 SUBDIVISION OF 165 UNITS. A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT HAS ALSO
3 BEEN FILED TO ENSURE SPECIFIC PLANNED CONFORMANCE. A FIFTH
4 ADDENDUM TO THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED IMPACT REPORT WAS
5 PREPARED AND IS ALSO BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON. THIS PROJECT
6 WAS BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON APRIL 23RD,
7 2008 AND JUNE 11, 2008. INITIAL CONCERNS RAISED AT THE PUBLIC
8 HEARING INCLUDED THE LOSS OF COMMERCIALY DESIGNATED LAND
9 WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES. DURING
10 THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE APPLICANT AGREED TO WORK WITH STAFF
11 AND PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS OF ALL SURROUNDING COMMERCIALY ZONED
12 PROPERTY WITHIN A THREE-MILE RADIUS. BASED ON THE ADDITIONAL
13 INFORMATION SUBMITTED, THE COMMISSION APPROVED THEIR REQUEST
14 ON JUNE 11TH, 2008, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT YOUR BOARD
15 AMEND THE SPECIFIC PLANNED DESIGNATION. THAT CONCLUDES MY
16 PRESENTATION. STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE SIGNED UP?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, THERE'S NOT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PROJECT INVOLVES A SPECIFIC PLAN
25 AMENDMENT AND TRACT MAP TO ALLOW 165 UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT



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1 IN FAIR OAKS RANCH. THIS WOULD REPLACE A COMMERCIAL
2 DEVELOPMENT PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED FOR THIS PROPERTY. THE PROJECT
3 IS SUPPORTED BY THE FAIR OAKS PROPERTY NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS
4 ASSOCIATION. THE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT WILL HAVE FEWER TRAFFIC
5 AND NOISE IMPACTS UPON THE SURROUNDING RESIDENCES THAN THE
6 COMMERCIAL PROJECT WOULD HAVE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES MORE THAN
7 THREE ACRES OF OPEN SPACE, A CLUBHOUSE, SWIMMING POOL,
8 BASKETBALL, RACQUETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS, BARBECUE AREAS, AND
9 A TOT LOT. THOUGH NOT REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY, THE DEVELOPER
10 HAS INCORPORATED MANY GREEN BUILDING COMPONENTS INCLUDING
11 RECYCLED WOOD FLOORING, ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING AND
12 APPLIANCES, SOLAR HEATED POOL AND THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY
13 APPROVED BY OUR REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. SO I'D MOVE THAT
14 THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPT THE FIFTH AMENDMENT
15 TO THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
16 SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT CASE 2005-0010-5 VESTING TENTATIVE
17 TRACT MAP NUMBER 063483, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO
18 APPROVE SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT CASE 2005-00010-5, AND VESTING
19 TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NUMBER 063483 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
20 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND
21 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO MODIFY THE CONDITIONS OF
22 APPROVAL TO REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICANT INSTALL A LANDSCAPE
23 BUFFER ALONG THE NORTHERLY PERIMETER OF THE PROJECT, ADJACENT
24 TO THE 14TH FREEWAY INCLUDING A COMBINATION OF NATIVE TREES,
25 WESTERN ROSEBUD, COAST LIVE OAK, CALIFORNIA SYCAMORE, 15



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1 GALLON OR 24-INCH BOX, SHRUBS, 15 GALLON. GROUND COVER, AND
2 THAT THESE PROVISIONS BE INCORPORATED INTO THE LANDSCAPE PLAN
3 REQUIRED BY THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND FOR THEM TO PREPARE
4 THE FINAL FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR THESE
5 APPROVALS AND TO BRING THEM BACK TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE
6 DATE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE THAT
9 THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE ITEM BE APPROVED TO BE
10 RETURNED TO THE BOARD WITH THE NECESSARY ADDITIONAL ISSUES.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE CALL UP DEAN LOGAN, OUR REGISTRAR-
17 RECORDER. WHAT WERE THE REASONS IN GETTING SOME OF THE RESULTS
18 BEING QUICKER RESPONSE TO THE RESULTS THAT WERE COMING IN AND
19 PERHAPS YOU COULD TELL US THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE VOTED, THE
20 PERCENTAGE OF OUR REGISTRAR-- REGISTERED VOTERS AND YOUR
21 RESPONSE TO LAST NIGHT'S HISTORIC ELECTION.

22

23 **DEAN LOGAN:** GREAT. WELL, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND FIRST
24 I JUST WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE OVER 25,000
25 POLL WORKERS THAT SERVED L.A. COUNTY IN YESTERDAY'S ELECTION.



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1 ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, FOR A MONUMENTAL ELECTION WITH WHAT WE
2 THINK IS GOING TO BE AT OR NEAR HISTORICAL TURNOUT, THINGS
3 WENT TREMENDOUSLY WELL YESTERDAY AND THAT'S REALLY A TRIBUTE
4 TO THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT SERVED US AT THE POLLING PLACES.
5 THEY'RE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN ON ELECTION DAY, AND
6 MANY OF THOSE-- AMONGST THOSE ARE OVER 4,000 OF OUR COUNTY
7 EMPLOYEES THAT WORKED AT THE POLLS YESTERDAY, SO I ESPECIALLY
8 WANT TO THANK THEM. AS FAR AS THE ABILITY TO GET THE RESULTS
9 IN AT THE TIME WE DID LAST NIGHT, I THINK A LOT OF THAT WENT
10 TO THE PREPLANNING FOR THIS ELECTION, WE KNEW THERE WAS GOING
11 TO BE PHENOMENAL TURNOUT AND THE INTEREST IN THIS ELECTION. WE
12 ACTUALLY EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE LINES AT 8:00 WHEN THE
13 POLLS CLOSED, THAT THERE WOULD BE LINES OF PEOPLE STILL
14 WAITING TO VOTE AND THAT WE WOULD GO LATER INTO THE NIGHT
15 BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO-- JUST THE TRANSIT TIME TO GET THOSE
16 BALLOTS BACK TO NORMAL FROM OUR CENTRAL COUNTY. INSTEAD, AT
17 LEAST WHAT I'M SEEING SO FAR, IT LOOKS LIKE VOTERS REALLY
18 FRONT LOADED THE PROCESS. WHERE WE SAW LINES YESTERDAY WERE
19 MORE LIKELY IN THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY, IN THE MORNING WHEN
20 THE POLLS FIRST OPENED. PEOPLE SHOWED UP AND WERE READY TO
21 CAST THEIR BALLOTS AND THINGS REALLY EVENED OUT TOWARDS THE
22 END OF THE NIGHT, SO OUR POLLS WERE ABLE TO CLOSE IN A TIMELY
23 MANNER. AGAIN, OUR POLL WORKERS DID A GOOD JOB OF COMPLETING
24 THEIR WORK, GETTING THE BALLOTS CHECKED INTO THE CHECKING
25 CENTERS AND GETTING THEM TRANSFERRED TO NORWALK. IN ADDITION,



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1 WE INCREASED OUR STAFFING SUPPORT, WE PUT IN SOME NEW SYSTEMS
2 THAT HELPED US TO BE MORE EFFICIENT, AND AGAIN, THINGS JUST
3 OPERATED VERY SMOOTHLY LAST NIGHT AND WE WERE ABLE TO COME IN
4 EARLIER THAN WE ANTICIPATED. SO AT THIS POINT, WE NOW MOVE TO
5 THE CANVASSING PERIOD WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE
6 OUTSTANDING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS, WE WILL HAVE, YOU KNOW, A
7 LARGE NUMBER OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT NEED TO BE VERIFIED
8 FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF THOSE VOTERS AND ADDED TO THE TOTALS.
9 WE'LL DO THE 1 PERCENT MANUAL AUDIT TO VERIFY THE VALIDITY OF
10 OUR VOTE TABULATION EQUIPMENT AND THAT WILL BE HAPPENING OVER
11 THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS AND INTO THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. WE
12 WILL DO UPDATES TO ELECTION RESULTS. OUR FIRST ONE WILL BE
13 FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK AND THEN WE WILL DO THEM TWICE A WEEK
14 THROUGH THE CANVAS AREA. I THINK THE REAL STORY ABOUT THIS
15 ELECTION IS THE TURNOUT. WE HAD RECORD NUMBERS OF PEOPLE
16 REGISTERED TO VOTE IN L.A. COUNTY IN THIS ELECTION CYCLE, A
17 NEW RECORD IN TERMS OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS ISSUED. WE ALL SAW
18 THE LINES OUT OF NORWALK FOR EARLY VOTING. WE HAD OVER 27,000
19 PEOPLE COME AND VOTE IN PERSON AT OUR HEADQUARTERS IN NORWALK
20 AND THEN YESTERDAY OF COURSE THE TURNOUT WAS HIGH AS WELL. OUR
21 PROJECTION AT THIS POINT, IT'S A PROJECTION BASED ON
22 MONITORING POLLING AT 30 LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. I THINK
23 WHEN WE CERTIFY THIS ELECTION, WE'RE GOING TO BE SOMEWHERE IN
24 THE RANGE OF 82 PERCENT TURNOUT, WHICH IS REALLY PHENOMENAL.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 82 PERCENT?

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3 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WILL WE HAVE THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE--
6 LAST NIGHT'S ELECTION RELATIVE TO ALL THE PROPOSITIONS?

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8 **DEAN LOGAN:** THE OFFICIAL CANVAS IS A 28-DAY PROCESS. THE BULK
9 OF THE REMAINING BALLOTS SHOULD BE COUNTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO
10 WEEKS. I WOULD SAY THAT THE NEXT BIG UPDATE WILL PROBABLY BE
11 MID WEEK NEXT WEEK AND THAT WILL BE THE MAJORITY OF THE
12 REMAINING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS AND THE FIRST SET OF
13 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AND THEN WE'LL JUST-- THE REMAINING PART
14 OF THAT CANVAS WILL BE THE LINGERING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY OF THOSE-- WHAT'S THE TOTAL
17 NUMBER OF THOSE?

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19 **DEAN LOGAN:** I DON'T HAVE A COUNT ON THE PROVISIONALS. WE
20 SHOULD HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF THAT BY THE END OF TODAY. FOUR
21 YEARS AGO, JUST AS A BASE PERSPECTIVE, WE HAD 205,000
22 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, SO IT'S A LARGE NUMBER. WE HAVE PROBABLY
23 300 TO 400,000 OUTSTANDING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS THAT STILL
24 REMAIN TO BE PROCESSED.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE STILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 200,000 MORE
2 VOTES TO BE COUNTED.

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4 **DEAN LOGAN:** AT LEAST 200,000. PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY VOTES DID PROPOSITION R PASS BY?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S ONLY AHEAD BY .71 PERCENT, SO OBVIOUSLY IT'S
9 TOO-- STILL CAN'T CALL IT, RIGHT?

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11 **DEAN LOGAN:** RIGHT. I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO CALL ANYTHING AT
12 THIS POINT. THOSE RESULTS ARE STILL THE UNOFFICIAL FINALS,
13 BECAUSE WE DO HAVE ADDITIONAL VOTES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE LOOKING AT A FEW HUNDRED VOTES
16 DIFFERENCE OR WE'RE LOOKING AT A FEW THOUSAND VOTES
17 DIFFERENCE?

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** I'D ACTUALLY HAVE TO DO THE MATH ON IT BECAUSE
20 IT'S THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT ON THAT. I
21 CAN GET AN ESTIMATE OUT ON THAT LATER TODAY. THE TREND ON THAT
22 THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT LAST NIGHT WAS CONSISTENT, SO, AGAIN,
23 THINGS CAN CHANGE, BUT STATISTICALLY IT HAS REMAINED--

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S ABOUT 1,000 OFF OR 2,000?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S LESS THAN 1 PERCENT.

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4 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES, IT'S LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST,
5 SO, YEAH, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A COUPLE THOUSAND.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A COUPLE THOUSAND, AND YOU HAVE 200,000 MORE.
8 THAT'S VERY INTERESTING.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME JUST CONGRATULATE YOU. I THINK THAT YOU
13 DID AN YOU OUTSTANDING JOB. I WAS SO IMPRESSED. YOU ALWAYS
14 EXPECT TO GET PHONE CALLS ON THAT DAY FROM VOTERS, I CAN'T DO
15 THIS, I CAN'T FIND THAT, THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE. WE DIDN'T
16 GET ANY OF THOSE. MOST OF THE TIME PEOPLE JUST WANT TO KNOW
17 WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE PROPOSITIONS WHEN THEY WERE CALLING US. I
18 WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THAT WAS DONE. MANY OF MY STAFF
19 WENT AND OUT THEY SERVED ALL DAY LONG YESTERDAY AND IT SEEMED
20 TO BE SO EFFICIENT. MY POLLING PLACE WAS PACKED, BUT
21 EVERYTHING WAS WORKED OUT VERY, VERY NICELY, AND I WANT TO
22 CONGRATULATE YOU. I WAS WATCHING IT. LAST NIGHT, OF COURSE, I
23 WAS ON THE COMPUTER AND IT SEEMED LIKE IT TOOK FOREVER, BUT
24 WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THE NUMBER OF VOTES THAT YOU HAVE TO
25 TALLY AND THE PROCESS, IT IS SO IMPRESSIVE AS TO HOW IT WAS



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1 MOVING AND HOW THE WEB SITE WAS SO HELPFUL AND IT KEPT GETTING
2 REFRESHED AND UPDATED AND I JUST THINK YOU DID AN OUTSTANDING
3 JOB AND I WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND ALL OF YOUR ENTIRE STAFF,
4 ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATED, ALL OF THE
5 COUNTLESS VOLUNTEERS THAT ARE REALLY A PART OF MAKING THIS A
6 SUCCESS AND CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S A GOOD JOB. IT WAS A LONG
7 WAIT BUT I THINK THIS IS THE LARGEST VOTER TURNOUT THAT WE
8 HAVE HAD IN FOREVER, AND THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS ON THE
9 BALLOT THAT IT WAS JUST AN AMAZING, AMAZING JOB. WELL DONE.

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11 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD JUST ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS
14 AS WELL. EARLY ON, ONE OF MY CONCERNS, THERE WAS SOME
15 ACTIVISTS THAT TRIED TO SORT OF TURN THINGS UPSIDE DOWN AND WE
16 ASKED YOU TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF IT AND YOU DID A VERY GOOD
17 PUBLIC JOB OF THAT ANSWERING THE MEDIA QUESTIONS BECAUSE THE
18 MEDIA WAS FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO
19 SEE YOU FAIL AND SEE US FAIL, AND I JUST THOUGHT THAT YOU
20 STAYED ON TOP OF IT, YOU STAYED OUT IN FRONT OF IT, YOU PUT
21 THE ANSWERS OUT THERE, AND AGAIN, THE POLLING PLACES THAT I
22 CHECKED WHILE THE LINES WERE LONG, THEY WERE VERY WELL
23 ORGANIZED AND, AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS.

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25 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU.



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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING THAT WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE JOB THAT YOU DID. I WAS AT A POLLING PLACE WHERE THERE WERE FOUR DIFFERENT POLLING PLACES IN ONE ROOM, AND THE POLL WORKERS STAYED ON TOP OF IT BECAUSE IT'S VERY EASY, MANY FIRST-TIME VOTERS, AND THEY CERTAINLY WATCHED THEM BECAUSE SOME OF THEM WERE READY TO PUT THEIR BALLOT IN THE WRONG POLLING BALLOT PLACE AND ALL SORTS OF THINGS WHERE YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER VOTED BEFORE AND WERE NOT AWARE THAT YOU HAVE OTHER, YOU KNOW, FOUR POLLING PLACES IN ONE BUILDING. THIS WAS A SCHOOL. AND IT WORKED VERY WELL. EVERYONE-- OF COURSE THESE ARE PEOPLE, A LOT OF THEM HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE, AND I THINK IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT WE'RE GETTING POLLING WORKERS WHO ARE RETURNING AND PART OF THIS. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY, YOU KNOW, CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYTHING WORKED VERY WELL. JUST MINIMUM PROBLEMS, AND YOU HAVE TO BE CONGRATULATED. AND YOUR STAFF, AND APPARENTLY THAT NEW FACILITY WORKED.

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DEAN LOGAN: THE NEW FACILITY IS WONDERFUL AND IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE YOU OUT THERE LAST WEEK. I JUST ALSO WANT TO THANK MY STAFF. IN PARTICULAR I APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION OF THE WORK ON THE WEB SITE. WE REALLY WORKED HARD TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES. WE KNEW THAT OUR PHONE LINES WERE GOING TO BE JAMMED IN THIS ELECTION AND WE WANTED TO HAVE INTERACTIVE SERVICES TO THAT PEOPLE COULD GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED ONLINE. AND OUR



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1 STAFF REALLY STEPPED UP TO THAT CHALLENGE, AND I'M REALLY
2 PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THEY DID ON THAT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THEY COUNSELED THE VOTE AT THE POLLING
5 BOOTH, WHEN YOU PUT YOUR BALLOT INTO THE MACHINE, THEY DO A
6 RUNNING TAB AND THEN YOU RECEIVE THAT TABULATION WHEN YOU MAKE
7 A FINAL--

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9 **DEAN LOGAN:** NO, SUPERVISOR, THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT THAT'S AT
10 THE POLL SITE IS ONLY THERE TO CHECK TO NOTIFY THE VOTER IF
11 THEY'VE OVERVOTED OR IF THE BALLOT IS BLANK. WE DO NOT USE
12 THAT TO TABULATE THE VOTES. THE BALLOTS ARE ALL BROUGHT BACK
13 CENTRALLY TO NORWALK AND THE COUNTING OF THE VOTES TAKES PLACE
14 IN NORWALK.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD JOB.

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18 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONE QUICK THING. FOLKS MAY BE WONDERING WHY
21 IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WEEK TO TWO TO COUNT THE PROVISIONALS.
22 COULD YOU BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THAT TO GIVE THEM SOME CONTEXT?

23

24 **DEAN LOGAN:** SURE. THE PURPOSE OF A PROVISIONAL BALLOT IS THE
25 FAIL SAFE METHOD OF OUR VOTING PROCESS, THAT IF YOU WENT INTO



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1 A POLLING PLACE YESTERDAY AND YOUR NAME WAS NOT LISTED IN THE
2 ROSTER, WE STILL PROVIDE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AND YOU
3 PROVIDE US INFORMATION ABOUT WHEN YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE,
4 WHERE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE, IF YOU'VE VOTED IN THE PAST AND
5 THEN WE THEN HAVE TO GO AND VERIFY THE ELIGIBILITY OF THAT
6 VOTER. ONCE WE VERIFY THEIR ELIGIBILITY, WE CAN COUNT THAT
7 BALLOT. IF THEY VOTED AT ANOTHER POLLING PLACE THAN THE ONE
8 THEY'RE ASSIGNED TO FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, THEN THAT BALLOT
9 HAS TO BE ADJUSTED, SO WE'RE ONLY COUNTING THE CONTESTED
10 MEASURES THAT THAT VOTER WAS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON. SO IT'S A
11 VERY TEDIOUS PROCESS BUT VERY EFFECTIVE. WE HISTORICALLY COUNT
12 82 TO 90 PERCENT OF OUR PROVISIONAL BALLOTS IN L.A. COUNTY AND
13 ON A NATIONAL BASIS, THAT'S VERY RARE. ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF
14 THIS COUNTRY, THE RATE OF COUNTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS IS VERY
15 LOW. OUT HERE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE COUNTRY IT'S VERY HIGH
16 AND WE ARE ABLE TO COUNT THE MAJORITY OF THEM.

17
18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** (OFF-MIC.)
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20 **DEAN LOGAN:** RIGHT. THE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS, SAME THING. A LOT
21 OF VOTERS WHO CHOOSE TO RECEIVE THEIR BALLOT MY MAIL, ACTUALLY
22 VOTE IT AND TAKE IT AND DROP IT OFF AT A POLLING LOCATION.
23 THOSE BALLOTS HAVE TO GO THROUGH A SIMILAR PROCESS, WE HAVE TO
24 CHECK THE SIGNATURE OF THE VOTER TO MAKE SURE IT MATCHES THE
25 SIGNATURE ON THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD. WE THEN HAVE TO



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1 SEPARATE THE BALLOTS FROM THE IDENTITY OF THE VOTER TO
2 MAINTAIN A SECRET BALLOT AND SORT THOSE BY PRECINCT AND RUN
3 THOSE THROUGH THE TABULATOR. SO AGAIN, IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A
4 LENGTHY PROCESS.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, ONE OTHER COMMENT, MAYBE YOU COULD
7 EXPLAIN AS WELL TOO. AS YOU KNOW, I GOT SEVERAL CALLS, LIVING
8 IN THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE COUNTY OBVIOUSLY ON THE BORDER
9 OF ORANGE COUNTY, A NUMBER OF VOTERS SAW MULTIPLE PLACES TO
10 CAST A BALLOT. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHY EVERYBODY
11 HAD TO COME TO NORWALK FOR THE EARLY VOTING AND MAYBE IT MIGHT
12 BE WELL FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN THAT, TOO, AS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
13 THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

14

15 **DEAN LOGAN:** SURE. WELL, OF COURSE, IN THE PAST, AS YOU ALL
16 KNOW, WE USED TO OFFER A TOUCH SCREEN EARLY VOTING PROGRAM IN
17 L.A. COUNTY AT 12 LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHERE PEOPLE
18 COULD GO AND VOTE EARLY DURING THE 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE
19 ELECTION. ABOUT A YEAR AGO WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE
20 CONDUCTED A TOP-TO-BOTTOM REVIEW OF ALL THE VOTING SYSTEMS
21 USED HERE IN CALIFORNIA, WHEN SHE RECERTIFIED THOSE VOTING
22 SYSTEMS, SHE APPLIED NEW CONDITIONS TO THOSE, TO THE USE OF
23 THOSE SYSTEMS, AND UNFORTUNATELY THE SYSTEM THAT WE USE FOR
24 EARLY VOTING, THE REQUIREMENT THAT WAS PLACED ON THAT WHEN IT
25 WAS RECERTIFIED WAS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAND COUNT 100



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1 PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST ON THAT EQUIPMENT WHICH ESSENTIALLY
2 DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF USING THE EQUIPMENT. IN THE LAST
3 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, THERE WERE 65,000 VOTES CAST ON THAT
4 TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AND TO HAND COUNT THOSE BALLOTS, AGAIN, WITH
5 SUCH A LONG BALLOT, IT'S JUST NOT FEASIBLE IN A JURISDICTION
6 THIS SIZE, SO WE-- AS YOU'LL RECALL ACTUALLY IT WAS BEFORE THE
7 BOARD WHEN THE VOTING SYSTEM WAS RECERTIFIED AND WE
8 COLLECTIVELY MADE THE DECISION THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO CURTAIL
9 THE EARLY VOTING PROGRAM. THE PAPER-BASED BALLOT SYSTEM THAT
10 WE HAVE, THAT WE OFFERED AT OUR NORWALK FACILITY FOR EARLY
11 VOTING, AND AGAIN, 27,000 PEOPLE DID UTILIZE THAT, IT'S ALSO
12 LOGISTICALLY NOT FEASIBLE TO TAKE THAT OUT TO REMOTE
13 LOCATIONS. IN THIS ELECTION, WE HAD 706 DIFFERENT BALLOT
14 COMBINATIONS DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU LIVED. THAT'S THE UNIQUE
15 COMBINATION OF BALLOT MEASURES AND CONTESTS THAT VOTERS ARE
16 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON, SO THE SECURITY AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF
17 THE NUMBER OF PIECES OF PAPER AND VARIABLES THAT YOU WOULD
18 HAVE TO DO THAT AT A REMOTE LOCATION JUST IS TOO HIGH RISK, SO
19 HOPEFULLY AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND WE'RE WORKING WELL WITH THE
20 SECRETARY OF STATE AND OUR COMMUNITY VOTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE
21 HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE AND OFFER EARLY
22 VOTING AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25 GOOD JOB.



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2 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THAT'S IT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR YOUR
7 ADJOURNMENTS. I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
8 ADJOURN TODAY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JIM MIYANO,
9 LONG-TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT AND FORMER CHIEF OF
10 STAFF TO FORMER COUNTY SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN.. HE WAS A KNOWN
11 ADVOCATE FOR THE ASIAN COMMUNITY. THIS WORK IN THE '70S AS
12 PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERALLY FUNDED DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
13 BROUGHT AWARENESS TO THE NEEDS OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY
14 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ALL MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, HE ALSO
15 FOUNDED ASIAN/PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL IN 1976. HE
16 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS SON JAMES, HIS DAUGHTER
17 CARYLANN, HIS SISTER MARY MATSAMITSU, AND TAMI BEADLES, AND
18 BROTHERS SEI, MAS MIYANO, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND
19 FRIENDS. ALL MEMBERS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** JIM WAS JUST-- OBVIOUSLY, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
22 WORK WITH JIM WHEN I WAS ON STAFF WITH SUPERVISOR DANA. JUST A
23 GREAT HUMAN BEING. I DID NOT KNOW THAT. I WAS VERY SHOCKED,
24 BUT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT. JUST A GREAT GUY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND GEORGE BEASLEY, III, LONG-TIME FRIEND
2 OF OUR FAMILY, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 30TH. HE
3 SERVED NOT MARINE CORPS BEFORE MOVING TO LOS ANGELES WHERE HE
4 PURSUED AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS CAREER. HE WAS THE
5 CONTROLLER OF THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON AND HE HAD WORKED WITH
6 MY HUSBAND I THINK FOR 55 YEARS FROM THE TIME THEY WERE BOTH
7 TEENAGERS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS LOVING WIFE
8 SUZETTE BEASLEY, HIS STEPSON KEITH ADAMS, AND SISTERS ARLENE,
9 B.B. BEASLEY, AND ANNETTE COLEMAN, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY
10 AND FRIENDS, AND YOU DID ROSA BROADUS. HAROLD WOODS.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADD ME ON THAT ONE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. HAROLD WOODS, LONG-TIME CHURCH
15 MEMBER AND DEACON OF THE POWER OF FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN FAMILY.
16 HE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE AS PART OF THE PLANNING TEAM FOR
17 ALL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVED EVENTS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH
18 HIS MEMORY EIGHT CHILDREN AND SEVEN SIBLINGS ALONG WITH A
19 LOVING CHURCH CONGREGATION FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND NICOLE
20 BROWN LEE, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY
21 ON OCTOBER 16TH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER MOTHER
22 VELMA BROWN, HER DAUGHTERS, OR'TAVIA LEE, AND SERENA BROWN AND
23 SIBLINGS RAYMOND, ROBERT, STEVEN, ONITA, SYLVIA, REGENIA,
24 LEROY, DARYL AND RAYNETTE, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND
25 FRIENDS. AND MELVIN GUY QUARLES, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT



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1 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 20TH. HE LEAVES TO
2 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE GLORIA DEAN, HIS SON MONTRELL, HIS
3 STEPDAUGHTER MONETTE, HIS MOTHER, LUJETTIE QUARLES AND HIS TWO
4 BROTHERS WILLIE AND MARVIN, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND
5 FRIENDS. AND BOBBIE RUTH WALTER, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT
6 RESIDENT WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
7 MEMORY HER MOTHER JESSIE REDWINE, HER BROTHER JARVIS AND HER
8 SIX CHILDREN, SANDRA, ANDRA, JAMES, CASSANDRA, CARMEN, DARYL
9 AND STEPDAUGHTER DEBORAH ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND
10 FRIENDS. AND TODAY WE JUST RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT
11 GERALD BUSBY, THE FORMER PRESIDENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
12 MOTOWN RECORDS DIED TODAY AT HIS HOME IN MALIBU AT THE AGE OF
13 59. IVE A MAJOR SHAREHOLDER IN THE NATION'S FIRST BLACK-OWNED
14 NATIONAL BANK, FOUNDERS NATIONAL BANK OF LOS ANGELES WHICH
15 MERGED IN 2001 WITH BOSTON BANK OF COMMERCE TO CREATE WHAT WAS
16 THEN THE THIRD LARGEST BLACK-OWNED BANK IN THE COUNTY. HE WILL
17 BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AS WELL
18 AS HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO ORDERED. I WAS HOLDING ITEM
19 NUMBER 20. I'D LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS, AND THIS IS
20 AMENDMENT TO EXPAND THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES AS IT RELATES TO
21 YOUTH. SOMEONE FROM THE STAFF HERE ON 20? IS ANYONE FROM
22 MENTAL HEALTH HERE? I CAN COME BACK TO THIS AND I'LL GO ON TO
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE. YOU WANT TO TAKE UP YOUR ADJOURNMENTS AND
24 ITEMS AND THEN I'LL COME BACK TO 20, IF YOU CAN GET SOMEONE
25 FROM MENTAL HEALTH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE SEVERAL

3 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL THAT, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF

4 MIKE CAMPBELL, WHO PASSED AWAY THE 17TH OF OCTOBER AT THE AGE

5 OF 64. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND AFTER HIS

6 HONORABLE DISCHARGE, HE MOVED TO LONG BEACH AND GRADUATED FROM

7 LONG BEACH STATE BUT HE WAS A VISIONARY ENTREPRENEUR, AND IN

8 1979, HE STARTED MIKE CAMPBELL AND ASSOCIATES WAREHOUSE AND

9 TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, AND JUST ON A SHOESTRING AND UNDER HIS

10 LEADERSHIP, THAT COMPANY EXPANDED AND IS NOW A LEADER IN THE

11 INDUSTRY SERVING THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. HE WAS A

12 INCREDIBLE PHILANTHROPIST AND WAS ALWAYS GIVING TO FRIENDS AND

13 FAMILY. HE WAS AN AVID BOATER, RACER, GOLFER. HE WAS A MEMBER

14 OF THE LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB, ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB, VERY

15 INVOLVED COUNTRY CLUB, LA QUINTA AND OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY

16 HIS LOVING WIFE VICTORIA, SONS RYAN, ZACHARY AND NELSON, HIS

17 MOTHER CLARA MAE AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. JUST A GREAT GUY AND

18 WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY NOT ONLY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SO MOVE

19 THAT. THEN ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CALEB

20 MANNING, A RESIDENT OF WHITTIER, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT

21 THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 20. HE WAS SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES

22 NAVY. HE WAS AN ATHLETE, A MEMBER OF THE WATER POLO TEAM AT

23 WHITTIER HIGH, HE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN JET MECHANICS, SO

24 AFTER COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL, HE DECIDED TO JOIN THE NAVY AND

25 THAT'S WHAT HE WAS DOING. HE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN HIS SHORT



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1 20 YEARS BUT WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY
2 HIS FATHER PAUL, MOTHER ANN, SIBLINGS, JOSHUA, JASON, DREW AND
3 AMANDA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LEON PARKS, JR.
4 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 59. HE'S THE FATHER OF TAMMY
5 JOHNSON, AN EMPLOYEE IN OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE. MR. PARKS WAS AN
6 ARMY VETERAN, SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR, AND HE WAS WOUNDED
7 AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE OF 42 YEARS,
8 BARBARA, WHO HE'S KNOWN SINCE HE WAS 14, HIS DAUGHTERS
9 ROSALIND AND TAMMY AND SON ANTHONY, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE
10 GREAT GRANDCHILD. HE'LL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY FAMILY AND
11 FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KEVIN
12 PENDERGAST, LIFETIME WHITTIER RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
13 AGE OF 53. HE WAS A DRAFTING AND TECHNOLOGY TEACHER AT SOUTH
14 EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL, AND MENTORED MANY STUDENTS AND FACULTY
15 OVER THE YEARS. HE HAD A TRUE PASSION FOR HIS KIDS AND
16 STUDENTS AND HE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THEY COULD RISE ABOVE
17 SOMETIMES VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. HE WAS A DEVOTED
18 HUSBAND AND FATHER AND ALSO VERY DEDICATED TO HIS CHURCH IN LA
19 MIRADA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DEECE, HIS CHILDREN
20 TIFFANY, HOLLY AND KYLE. HE'LL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND
21 FRIENDS AND ALL THE YOUNG LIVES THAT HE TOUCHED IN HIS VERY
22 SHORT TIME HERE ON EARTH. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
23 OF LOIS SUTTON, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF BELLFLOWER. SHE
24 WAS A VERY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY PARTICULARLY WITH
25 DISABLED CHILDREN AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN SOJOURNERS AND HEROES



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1 WITH HER HUSBAND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN,
2 JAMES, LOIS, SCOTT, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND 13 GREAT
3 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ANOTHER
4 LONGTIME BELLFLOWER RESIDENT, ROBERT TALSMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY
5 PEACEFULLY IN HIS SLEEP. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 57
6 YEARS, RAMONA, CHILDREN ROBERTA, GREG AND GRANT, AND FOUR
7 GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOHN
8 VERHOEVEN, PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 4TH AT THE AGE OF 95. HE WAS
9 BORN IN HOLLAND, WAS A TWIN, CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE
10 WAS 5. HE OWNED AND OPERATED HYGIENIC DAIRY FARMS FOR OVER 20
11 YEARS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
12 OF OVER 70 YEARS, SADIE, CHILDREN JOY, MARIE AND JOHN, 13
13 GRANDCHILDREN AND 16 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR SIBLINGS,
14 AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED
19 UP. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 34. AND I WAS HOLDING IT
20 AS WELL. I GUESS THEY DIDN'T GET TO==

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL CALL-- WE HAVE-- IN FAVOR WE HAVE--

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, CAN I JUST HAVE THE DEPARTMENT SORT OF--

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** --GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW HERE OF WHERE WE'RE AT. I
4 HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AND I KNOW SOME OF THE OTHERS, AND WHILE
5 WE'LL TAKING TESTIMONY--

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU MIGHT WANT TO CALL THEM IN ORDER.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MY INTENT IS TO CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR A COUPLE OF
10 WEEKS. GO AHEAD.

11

12 **PAUL ALVIN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAUL ALVIN.
13 I'M WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
14 THE CONTRACT BEFORE YOU IS THE 14TH CONTRACT BEFORE THE BOARD
15 WITH REGARD TO TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED
16 AREAS. WE STARTED THE FRANCHISE PROJECT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO,
17 AND THIS IS THE 14TH CONTRACT. LATE SPRING, EARLY SUMMER OF
18 THIS YEAR WE WENT OUT TO-- WITH A BID SOLICITATION FOR THE
19 HACIENDA HEIGHTS FRANCHISE CONTRACT. DURING THE COURSE OF THE
20 SUMMER, WE ANSWERED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS FROM POTENTIAL BIDDERS.
21 THE FINAL SUBMITTAL DATE FOR THE BIDS WAS IN MIDDLE OF THE
22 SUMMER AND EARLY AUGUST. AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE WAS ASSEMBLED
23 TO EVALUATE THE SIX PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 PUBLIC WORKS. BASED ON THE EVALUATION CRITERIA, IT WAS
25 DETERMINED THAT ATHENS WAS THE MOST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER WITH



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1 THE LOWEST COST. AT THAT TIME WE ISSUED A LETTER TO ALL THE
2 BIDDERS, THE SIX BIDDERS, NOTIFYING THEM OF THE WINNER AND THE
3 LOSERS. AT THAT TIME, THE SUBMITTED BIDDERS WERE ALLOWED THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE FINDINGS.
5 THERE WERE NO PROTESTS FILED, AND THAT'S THE ITEM BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO
8 SPEAK. THE FIRST THREE I'LL CALL UP ARE MIKE LEWIS, HENRY
9 NODAL AND ERIC HERBERT.

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11 **ERIC HERBERT:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ERIC HERBERT AND I'M THE
13 PRESIDENT OF ATHENS SERVICES. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK
14 OBVIOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT. I ALSO
15 WANTED TO MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT I DO HAVE A NUMBER OF
16 MEMBERS OF OUR SERVICE TEAM FROM THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS AREA
17 TEAM HERE TODAY ALSO, AND IF THEY COULD STAND UP. THANK YOU.
18 THEY ALL WORKED ON PUTTING THIS PROPOSAL TOGETHER AND WOULD BE
19 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE SERVICE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AS YOU
20 KNOW FROM THE PREVIOUS CONTRACTS THAT COME BEFORE YOU, THIS IS
21 A VERY EXTENSIVE PROCESS. WE'VE PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST THREE
22 ROUNDS FOR A NUMBER OF THE SERVICE AREAS. WE WERE SUCCESSFUL
23 IN ONE, THE AREA OF SOUTH SAN GABRIEL, WHICH YOU DID AWARD
24 THAT TO US AND WE'RE PROUDLY SERVICING THAT AREA VERY WELL, WE
25 BELIEVE. WE ALSO HAVEN'T ALWAYS WON THE AREAS, EVEN THE AREAS



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1 THAT WE'VE SERVICED FOR WELL OVER 20 YEARS, AND IN THOSE
2 AREAS, IT'S BEEN COMMON FOR THOSE CUSTOMERS TO SHOW THEIR
3 DISAPPOINTMENT THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO SERVICE
4 AND WHY WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO SERVICE. HOWEVER, WE ARE
5 COMMITTED TO THE PROCESS THAT YOU'VE SET FORWARD. WE HAVE TO
6 TAKE THE GOOD AND THE BAD. I POINT THAT OUT BECAUSE I KNOW
7 TODAY THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE HERE FROM THE AREA OF HACIENDA
8 HEIGHTS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN TOLD THINGS FROM ONE OF THE
9 COMPETITORS THAT SERVICES THAT AREA MAYBE IS NOT HAPPY WITH
10 THE WAY THIS ALL CAME OUT. I JUST WANT TO TELL THEM THAT WE DO
11 UNDERSTAND, BUT I ALSO WANT TO ASSURE THEM AND THE COUNTY THAT
12 WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE AREA
13 HACIENDA HEIGHTS THROUGH THIS CONTRACT, IN COMPLETE COMPLIANCE
14 WITH THE CONTRACT. IT'S BACKED BY OUR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND
15 ABILITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF THOSE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
16 WE ALSO ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWERING THE RATES THAT THEY'RE
17 CURRENTLY PAYING. IN SOME CASES, IT WILL BE ABOUT HALF WHAT
18 THOSE PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY PAYING FOR SERVICE IN THAT AREA,
19 FOR THE SAME 3-BARREL PROGRAM THAT OFFERS RECYCLING OF PAPER
20 AND CONTAINERS AND GREEN WASTE, SO A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION FOR
21 MANY, MANY PEOPLE. WE HAVE ALREADY TALKED WITH ONE OF THE
22 CURRENT HAULERS IN THAT AREA AND WORKED OUT THAT START OF THAT
23 TRANSITION. ALSO WANT TO ASSURE THEM THAT WE'LL BE AN ACTIVE
24 PARTICIPANT IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WE ARE IN ALL OF THE
25 COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVICE. WE'VE ALREADY JOINED THE HACIENDA



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1 HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE CHAMBER IN THAT AREA.
2 WE'RE ALSO COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH SOME OF THEIR LOCAL
3 EVENTS LIKE CONCERT IN THE PARK, AND AS WE ALWAYS HAVE DONE,
4 WE'RE A VERY SOFT TOUCH AND WE'VE BEEN A VERY, VERY GOOD
5 ACTIVE INVOLVED BUSINESS IN EVERY COMMUNITY WE SERVE. WE'LL
6 ALSO BE A GREAT STEWARD OF OUR OPERATIONS AND THE EMPLOYEES
7 THAT PROVIDE SERVICES IN THAT AREA. I THINK THAT'S
8 DEMONSTRATED BY HOW WE'VE DONE THINGS IN THE COUNTY AND HOW WE
9 WILL CONTINUE TO DO THOSE AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
10 THEY'RE AWARE OF THAT. OBVIOUSLY THE PROCESS THE PUBLIC WORKS
11 HAS GONE THROUGH IS VERY EXTENSIVE. WE ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER
12 ANY QUESTIONS OR ANYTHING THAT COMES UP AND I KNOW SOME OTHERS
13 WILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS ON THAT, SO I WILL HOLD THOSE AND A
14 THAT IF YOU DO HAVE QUESTIONS OF ME SPECIFICALLY, I WILL
15 ANSWER THOSE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **MICHAEL LEWIS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MIKE LEWIS, I'M A
18 RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I ALSO ADVISE ATHENS SERVICES ON
19 THEIR COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND I WANTED TO SPEAK TO
20 THAT ASPECT OF THEIR ACTIVITY THIS MORNING. FIRST OF ALL, LET
21 ME SAY I'M PAYING \$30 A MONTH TO WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR MY
22 SERVICE AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO PAYING LESS THAN \$18 A
23 MONTH WHEN THE NEW CONTRACT GOES INTO EFFECT. I HAD READ IN
24 THE PAPER THAT THERE WAS SOME CONCERN FROM SOME OF THE
25 RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT LOSING THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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1 THAT THEY CURRENTLY RECEIVE FROM SOME OF THE HAULERS WHO
2 SERVICE THE COMMUNITY. I JUST WANTED TO SAY TO THEM THAT
3 ATHENS IS VERY ACTIVE AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER IN ALL OF THE
4 CITIES WHERE WE HAVE FRANCHISES. WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF
5 PARTICIPATING IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. WE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE
6 WITH OVER 100 ORGANIZATIONS. WE PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS
7 OF DOLLARS A YEAR IN DIRECT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT WE
8 ALSO PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS. WE PROVIDE FREE
9 SERVICE AND CLEAN-UP AFTER THOSE EVENTS, WE PROVIDE PORTABLE
10 REST ROOMS. MANY OF OUR ATHENS EMPLOYEES SERVE AS MEMBERS OF
11 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. WE HAVE, I
12 THINK, TWO THAT ARE JUST PRESIDENTS OR PAST PRESIDENTS OF
13 CHAMBERS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE FUND A WIDE DIVERSITY
14 OF ORGANIZATIONS, WE BELONG TO EVERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WE
15 FUND EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS, THE LITTLE LEAGUE SOCCER, THEATER
16 GROUPS, HOLIDAY FOOD GIVEAWAYS, THE LINCOLN TRAINING CENTER
17 FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS, THE
18 SOUTHWEST VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT, AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AS
19 ERIC SAID, WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT
20 ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A PREMIER MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL CHAMBER,
21 WE ARE A SPONSOR OF THE "HOMELAND HEROES" LUNCHEON WHICH IS AN
22 ANNUAL EVENT HONORING AND SUPPORTING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES.
23 WE'VE COMMITTED TO BECOME A SERIOUS SPONSOR FOR THE CONCERTS
24 IN THE PARK, WHICH IS A BIG ANNUAL ACTIVITY THAT TAKES PLACE
25 IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND WE'VE OFFERED TO PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP



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1 FOR THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE, PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS AND OUR
2 MIGHTY MIKE MINIATURE WASTE TRUCK, WHICH IS A BIG HIT WITH ALL
3 THE KIDS. I WOULD ONLY SAY THAT IF ANYBODY IS CONCERNED ABOUT
4 SUPPORT FROM ATHENS SERVICES, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS ASK. I'M
5 NOT AWARE OF ANY ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN TURNED DOWN IN THE
6 TIME THAT I'VE BEEN ADVISING THEM ON THEIR COMMUNITY
7 ACTIVITIES AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WILL BE ACTIVE
8 PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND IF ANYONE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS
9 CAN EXPECT A VERY FAVORABLE SUPPORT FROM ATHENS FOR AS LONG AS
10 THEY'RE IN THE COMMUNITY PROVIDING SERVICE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. NODAL, YOU'RE NEXT, AND THEN I WOULD ASK JIM
15 KLEINPELL AND THEN TANYA ROSALES TO JOIN US UP HERE AS WELL.

16

17 **HENRY NODAL:** MY NAME IS HENRY NODAL. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
18 THE RESIDENT AND CUSTOMER OF THE LA PUENTE CITY COMMUNITY, AND
19 I JUST WANT TO, VERY BRIEF, GIVE YOU MIGHT SAY, THE PAST
20 OPERATION OF VALLEY VISTA THAT HAS COOPERATED WITH US IN THE
21 PAST. AS FAR AS LA PUENTE HILLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
22 THEY'VE DONE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT THESE TWO GENTLEMEN
23 BEFORE ME HAD SAID THAT THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN. I CONSIDER
24 THIS A SMALL FAMILY BUSINESS AND IT REALLY DOES SERVE THE
25 COMMUNITY IN EVERY RESPECT, THE SERVICE, THE CLEAN TRUCKS THAT



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1 THEY USE AND THE TIME THAT THE CITY OF LA PUENTE GAVE THEM TO
2 YOU MIGHT SAY RENEWED CONTRACTS, THEY HAVE FULFILLED WHATEVER
3 IT HAS BEEN THAT WAS ASKED OF THEM. I REALLY FEEL THAT THE
4 ISSUE THAT YOU'RE DISCUSSING TODAY IS PROBABLY HOPEFULLY NOT
5 FINANCIAL BECAUSE THIS COMPANY HAS ALREADY, I WOULD SAY,
6 PREPARED TO BE A PART OF THE FUTURE OF WHAT IS EXPECTED WHEN
7 THE LA PUENTE LANDFILL CLOSES, AND I'M HOPING THAT FROM WHAT
8 I'VE SEEN AND HEARD FROM THE OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, YOU
9 KNOW, THEY'RE STEPPING RIGHT UP, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO WAIT FOR
10 SOMEBODY TO GRADE THEM ON, IF YOU WANT TO SAY THE ENVIRONMENT
11 AND ONE THING THAT I HAVE, AND IT'S NOT THAT NEGATIVE BECAUSE
12 MY SENSE IS THAT THEY PROBABLY CAN'T CORRECT THE PROBLEM, BUT
13 THE ENTRANCE TO THEIR OPERATION ON VALLEY BOULEVARD IN WHAT I
14 CONSIDER SPADRA, IF YOU WERE TO DRIVE DOWN THERE, MAYBE NOT
15 TODAY, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN MADE-- THERE IS TRUCK GREASE ON TIRES
16 THAT ARE DRIVEN UP ONTO THE ROAD, AND THAT'S ONE CONCERN THAT
17 I'VE SEEN. THIS OTHER COMPANY THAT HAS BEEN IN ITS NEW
18 FACILITY, IT'S ALWAYS CLEAN. IF YOU GO INTO THEIR PLANT TO
19 UNLOAD TRASH OR WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, IT'S SOMETHING TO BE
20 PROUD OF, THAT YOU DO BUSINESS WITH THEM. I REALLY FEEL THAT
21 YOU SHOULD TAKE CONSIDERATION IN THEIR PAST WHAT IT IS THE
22 FUTURE OF THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT JUST SPOKE BEFORE ME, THESE
23 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN DOING IT. THEY'VE ALREADY STEPPED
24 FORWARD, THEY'RE MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
25 IN THE VALLEY AND I HOPE THAT YOU TAKE THAT INTO



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1 CONSIDERATION. A SMALL BUSINESS, THIS OTHER BEFORE ME, I DON'T
2 KNOW HOW BIG OF A BUSINESS THEY ARE, BUT FOR VALLEY VISTA TO
3 BE OPERATING THE WAY IT HAS, SATISFYING ITS CUSTOMERS AND ME
4 ESPECIALLY WITH THREE DIFFERENT ADDRESSES WHERE THEY SERVICE
5 ME, I WOULD BE PROUD THAT YOU DECIDE IN THEIR FAVOR. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** EITHER JIM OR TANYA, THEN I'D ASK RONNIE JONES TO
9 JOIN US AS WELL.

10

11 **TANYA ROSALES:** GOOD MORNING. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FORGIVE ME,
12 I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS. I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE. MY NAME IS
13 TANYA ANN ROSALES AND I LIVE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I'M HERE
14 TODAY TO SHARE WITH YOU MY CONCERNS ON THE DECISION TO GIVE
15 THE CONTRACT TO HAUL MY TRASH FROM MY COMMUNITY TO ATHENS
16 DISPOSAL SERVICES. IN MY RESEARCH, I HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL
17 ABOUT HOW UNETHICAL A COMPANY THEY ARE FROM THE OWNERS WHO
18 WERE CONVICTED FOR PRICE FIXING IN 1998. THEY HAVE BEEN FINED
19 HEAVILY FOR MANY, MANY VIOLATIONS, FOR ODOR AND SAFETY ISSUES
20 BY THE A.Q.M.D., TO TONNAGE LIMITS, SET BY A.Q.M.D. ,THAT
21 ALLOWS ATHENS TO ACCEPT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TRASH A DAY AND
22 ATHENS ACCEPTING MORE, CAUSING AN ODOR AND SMELL VIOLATION
23 WHICH HAPPENED IN 2007, JUST LAST YEAR, AND AT A FINE OF \$18
24 MILLION. EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT, THEY HAVE EXHIBITED HEAVY
25 HANDED TACTICS TO OUR NEIGHBORING CITIES LIKE MONTEBELLO.



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1 SUING A CITY IN AN EFFORT TO BLOCK A VOTE BY THE CITIZENS OF
2 THAT CITY IS TRULY UNETHICAL AND UNACCEPTABLE. THEY ARE
3 NOTHING BUT BULLIES. WE ARE TRUSTING THAT YOU WILL MAKE THE
4 RIGHT DECISION ON OUR BEHALF. AS YOU KNOW, VALLEY VISTA
5 SERVICES HAS SERVED OUR COMMUNITY FOR 10 YEARS NOW AND HAS
6 SUPPORTED NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS. IN FACT, THEY SUPPORT LOS
7 ALTOS SPORTS PROGRAMS WHEN THE CURRENT SERVICE PROVIDER WOULD
8 NOT. THAT COMMITMENT IS TRULY UNPARALLEL, TO SAY THE LEAST. IN
9 THIS DAY AND AGE WHERE EVERYBODY IS GOING GREEN, RECYCLING
10 EVERYTHING, PUTTING A BAND ON PLASTIC BAGS FROM GROCERY
11 STORES, PROPER DISPOSING OF PAINT AND SUCH, EVEN CHANGING OUR
12 LIGHT BULBS IN OUR HOME TO BE MORE ECO FRIENDLY, TO REWARD
13 ATHENS, A NEW CITY, MY CITY TO HAUL TRASH WHERE WE HAVE SUCH A
14 PROBLEM KEEPING WITHIN MANDATED GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH AND
15 SAFETY. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS UNETHICAL COMPANY BUY THIS
16 CONTRACT. WE'LL ALSO REALIZE A SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS WHEN THE
17 NEW CONTRACT WITH VALLEY VISTA SERVICES. PLEASE MAKE THE RIGHT
18 DECISION FOR MY COMMUNITY. SO, WITH ALL THAT SAID, PLEASE ASK
19 YOURSELF, IS ATHENS THE BEST YOU CAN DO FOR MY COMMUNITY, MY
20 FAMILY AND MY CHILDREN? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** JIM?

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25 **JIM KLEINPELL:** MADAME CHAIRWOMAN?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN I'D ASK DOROTHY POLLOCK TO JOIN US AS
3 WELL.

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5 **JIM KLEINPELL:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR
6 YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS JIM KLEINPELL, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF
7 THE OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I'LL BE BRIEF. WE HAVE-- WE ARE HERE
8 AS A MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS TO HAVE OUR VOICE HEARD. WE HAVE
9 WRITTEN OVER 150 LETTERS TO THE BOARD REQUESTING THAT VALLEY
10 VISTA SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE OUR WASTE HAULER PROVIDER. WE
11 ASK THAT-- UP TO THIS POINT, I HAVE NEITHER SEEN NOR HEARD
12 ATHENS DISPOSAL WISH TO BE A PART OF ANYTHING IN THE
13 COMMUNITY. I AM A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR PUENTE
14 HILLS CONCERTS IN THE PARK. THE ONLY COMPANY THAT HAS STEPPED
15 FORWARD HAS BEEN VALLEY VISTA SERVICES THAT TAKES AN ACTIVE
16 ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS BEING A WONDERFUL WASTE
17 PROVIDER. AND I ASK, IF YOU WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, THEN
18 PLEASE DO NOT AWARD THIS CONTRACT TO ATHENS. THANK YOU FOR
19 YOUR TIME.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** KELLY GOODSPEED, IF YOU'D JOIN US UP HERE. RONNIE,
22 GO AHEAD.

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24 **RONNIE JONES:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU
25 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE HACIENDA



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1 HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, I AM-- HI, MIKE. I AM A RESIDENT OF OVER 25
2 YEARS AND I AM A LIFE MEMBER OF THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS
3 IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. I FIND IT VERY DISTURBING THAT A
4 SITUATION IS GETTING READY TO BE VOTED TO TAKE AWAY WHATEVER
5 TWO OPTIONS THAT HACIENDA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS HAVE TO PICK AND
6 CHOOSE THEIR TRASH HAULER. NOW WE'RE BEING SUBJECTED TO ONLY
7 HAVING ONE, AND IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COST, I WOULD LIKE
8 FOR SOMEONE TO REALLY LOOK AT WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GOING TO--
9 HOW LONG IS THAT COST GOING TO BE AT 17 OR SOME DOLLARS
10 COMPARED TO THE LOYALTY THAT I FEEL THAT VALLEY VISTA HAS IN
11 THE COMMUNITY. THERE NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER WAY FOR THE COMMUNITY
12 TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON WITH REGARDS TO THIS
13 TRASH HAULING AND WHEN THIS PETITION WAS MADE. THERE WASN'T
14 ANYTHING SENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND USUALLY
15 THERE IS SOMETHING THAT'S SENT IN THE MAIL WHEN IT COMES TO
16 SOMETHING THAT'S BEING BROUGHT TO HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT
17 ASSOCIATION. WELL, LIKE I SAID, I AM A LIFE MEMBER. I HAVE YET
18 TO RECEIVE ANYTHING, AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR SOME OF THE
19 MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO ALERT ME TO THE FACT I KNOW, I
20 WENT THROUGH MY WHOLE BLOCK AND NOBODY KNEW OF WHAT WAS GOING
21 ON. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'D LIKE FOR MR. KNABE NOT TO
22 ABANDON US IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, AND BY US-- [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. WE CANNOT HAVE APPLAUSE.

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1 **RONNIE JONES:** AND BY US BEING AN UNINCORPORATED AREA, THERE
2 ARE MANY THINGS THAT WE DON'T GET THE SERVICES OF, THAT SOME
3 PEOPLE THINK THAT THEY'RE SUFFICIENT. BUT IF YOU LIVE IN
4 HACIENDA HEIGHTS, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT,
5 AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK THIS MORNING.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

8

9 **DOROTHY POLLOCK:** YES. MY NAME IS DOROTHY POLLOCK AND I'VE BEEN
10 LIVING IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND I AM VERY
11 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS CHANGE IN OUR WASTE MANAGEMENT HANDLING.
12 I'VE BEEN FAMILIAR WITH VALLEY VISTA BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN
13 WONDERFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY, AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY. THEY ALSO
14 HAVE CONTRIBUTED HEAVILY TO MEALS ON WHEELS, WHICH IS A
15 PROGRAM THAT MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND REALIZE THAT
16 WITHOUT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY, COULD NOT EVEN
17 EXIST. I'VE HEARD ABOUT ATHENS OFFERING THEIR SERVICE FOR
18 ABOUT \$2 A MONTH LESS, AND WHAT CONCERNS ME AS A RESIDENT OF
19 HACIENDA HEIGHTS IS THEIR TRACK RECORD WITH THE A.Q.M.D. MAYBE
20 THEY SHOULD BE CHARGING MORE SO THEY CAN AFFORD TO CLEAN UP
21 THEIR ACT, LITERALLY, SO THEY CAN MEET THE STANDARDS REQUIRED
22 BY THE A.Q.M.D. AND OFFER THE QUALITY OF SERVICE THAT VALLEY
23 VISTA ALREADY DOES. SAVING \$2 A MONTH IS NOT A FAIR TRADE-OFF
24 FOR THE LOSS OF A COMPANY THAT CARES ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT
25 THEY LIVE AND WORK IN. WE'RE ALSO UNCLEAR AS TO THE PRICE



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1 OFFERED, DUE TO WHAT HAPPENED, WE HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN
2 WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THIS CAN BE CERTAINLY CHECKED OUT BY THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' STAFF AND THAT IS THEY CAME IN WITH THE
4 LOW BID FOR A YEAR AND THEN AFTER THAT, THE FEES WERE RAISED
5 40 PERCENT. WE FEEL THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY INPUT REGARDING
6 THE CHOICE OF A COMPANY AND THAT THIS WAS DECIDED FOR US.
7 WELL, WE'RE HERE NOW AND WE WANT TO BE HEARD. WE HOPE YOU ARE
8 LISTENING AND WILL RETHINK YOUR DECISIONS. THE WHOLE PACKAGE
9 WITH VALLEY VISTA HAS TO OFFER WITH THEIR TRASH SERVICES AS
10 WELL AS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE
11 CONSIDERED WHEN DECIDING WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND I
12 DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY CALL THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLE WHEN WE
13 HAVEN'T BEEN INFORMED OF ALL THESE DIFFERENT MEETINGS AND
14 THINGS THAT WE SUPPOSEDLY WERE INVITED TO BUT DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
15 ABOUT. EVEN THE HEAD OF H.H.I.A. HAD NO IDEA THIS WAS GOING ON
16 UNTIL SOMEONE ELSE TOLD HIM, SO THAT'S MY CONCERN, AND I
17 APPRECIATE YOU LISTENING TO ME TODAY.

18

19 **KELLY GOODSPEED:** MY NAME IS KELLY GOODSPEED, AND I, TOO, AM A
20 RELATIVE OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR 40 YEARS. MINE WILL BE SHORT
21 AND SWEET. I'M NOT ONLY A RESIDENT BUT A PARENT OF CHILDREN
22 THAT GO TO SCHOOL IN THE AREA. MY EXPERIENCE WITH VALLEY VISTA
23 HAS ALWAYS BEEN NOTHING BUT POSITIVE. THEY-- BEING A SMALL
24 COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE, WE RELY HEAVILY ON PEOPLE HELPING OUT,
25 WHETHER IT'S COMPANIES, WHATEVER MAY BE OUT THERE, AND VALLEY



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1 VISTA HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN MANY THINGS
2 THAT WE DO, THAT WAS MENTIONED, SUCH AS THE FOURTH OF JULY
3 PARADE. THAT'S REAL BIG EVERY YEAR FOR US. OUR ATHLETIC
4 PROGRAMS, HELPING OUT. THEY'VE EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO PROVIDE
5 RECYCLING SERVICES WHEN OTHER SERVICES REFUSE TO DO IT. EVEN
6 THOUGH IT WASN'T IN THEIR CONTRACT TO DO SO. THEY'VE BEEN
7 CONTACTED AND WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP OUT. I TOO AM
8 CONCERNED ABOUT MANY OF THE ISSUES WITH THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO
9 AND THE LONGSTANDING VIOLATIONS AT THE FACILITY. I PERSONALLY
10 WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE CURRENT COMPANY THAT WE HAVE. LIKE I
11 SAID, I'VE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH IT AND IF WE CAN'T KEEP
12 OBVIOUSLY HAVING TWO SERVICES THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW, THEN I
13 THINK IT SHOULD BE AWARDED TO WHOEVER IS NEXT IN LINE BESIDES
14 ATHENS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. COULD THE DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO THE
17 ISSUE OF COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION?

18

19 **PAUL ALVIN:** YES, SUPERVISOR. IN 2006, WE HAD FOUR COMMUNITY
20 MEETINGS WHERE WE WENT INTO THE COMMUNITY, WORKED WITH LOCAL
21 ORGANIZATIONS TO ADVERTISE COMMUNITY MEETINGS. ALSO--

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** DID YOU WORK WITH THE H.H.I.A.?

24



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1 **PAUL ALVIN:** THAT'S CORRECT, AND WE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE--
2 I'M SORRY, THE COMMUNITY THAT WE WOULD LOVE TO RECEIVE INPUT
3 IN THE TYPE OF SERVICES THAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR. BASED ON
4 COMMUNITY INPUT, WE BEGAN DRAFTING A CONTRACT FOR THIS
5 COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE SENT OUT A SURVEY TO ALL
6 THE HOMEOWNERS IN THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS AREA REQUESTING THEIR
7 INPUT IN TERMS OF WHETHER TO GO WITH AN EXCLUSIVE SYSTEM OR A
8 NONEXCLUSIVE SYSTEM AND THE RESULTS OF THAT SURVEY GAUGED THAT
9 IT WAS EVENLY SPLIT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BETWEEN EXCLUSIVE AND NONEXCLUSIVE.

12

13 **PAUL ALVIN:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL IS SCHEDULED FOR CLOSURE IN
16 OCTOBER OF 2013. HAS ATHENS IDENTIFIED AN ALTERNATE DISPOSAL
17 SITE AND WOULD THAT HAVE A FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE FEES?

18

19 **PAUL ALVIN:** NO, ATHENS HAS NOT IDENTIFIED AN ALTERNATIVE SITE
20 BEYOND PUENTE HILLS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THAT WAS NOT IDENTIFIED OR EVALUATED AS PART OF
23 THE EVALUATION OF THE HAULERS?

24

25 **PAUL ALVIN:** THAT IS CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT THE MURPH?

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4 **PAUL ALVIN:** THE MURPH WILL BE PROCESSING THE RECYCLABLES
5 COLLECTED FROM THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY CITATIONS ISSUED BY THE
8 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE
9 LAST THREE YEARS AS REGARDS TO ATHENS?

10

11 **PAUL ALVIN:** YES. THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED ONE
12 VIOLATION TWO YEARS AGO. THIS VIOLATION HAS TO DO WITH AN
13 INDEPENDENT HAULER REMOVING A BARRICADE THAT LED INTO A
14 RESTRICTED AREA. HE TRIED TO CIRCUMVENT THAT TO TAKE A
15 SHORTCUT. THE INSPECTOR NOTICED THAT, ISSUED A VIOLATION OF
16 ATHENS IT WAS NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE, IN
19 ADDITION TO SOME OF THE CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY IS THE FACT
20 THAT A.Q.M.D. ISSUE AND, YOU KNOW, THE POTENTIAL AMOUNT OF
21 THOSE FINES AND MY STAFF DOING THEIR CHECKING AND OTHERS AND
22 ABOUT THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY. I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE SUBMITTED
23 SOME AUDITED FORMS THAT I THINK NEED TO BE EVALUATED ABOUT THE
24 VIABILITY BEING ABLE TO PAY THOSE FINES. I HAVE A NUMBER OF
25 OTHER QUESTIONS THAT I NEED, MADAME CHAIR, FROM THE DEPARTMENT



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1 AS WELL AS A REVIEW OF THE FINANCIALS AS IT RELATES TO THE
2 POTENTIAL OF THESE FINES. IF I COULD SUBMIT THOSE TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT AND HAVE THIS ITEM CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS AND COME
4 BACK TO US IN TWO WEEKS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THIS ITEM,
7 WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER 34, WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL GO BACK TO 20 THAT I HAD CALLED. WE
14 HAVE ONE PERSON THAT'S ASKED TO SPEAK, AND IF WE CAN GET
15 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THAT
18 CONTINUANCE INCLUDED THE VALUATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIALS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD INCLUDE AN AUDIT OF THE
21 FINANCIALS IN HIS REPORT BACK. ABBY OVITSKY, PLEASE COME
22 FORWARD.

23

24 **ABBY OVITSKY:** MY NAME IS ABBY OVITSKY. I WANTED TO COMMENT ON
25 THIS, TO FOLLOW UP ON THE COMMENTS OF A FEW WEEKS AGO ABOUT



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1 GOVERNMENT WASTE, SPECIFICALLY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY
2 SERVICES WASTE. I HAVE A HEARING IMPAIRMENT. I'M NOT MENTALLY
3 ILL. I HAVE A TWO-HOUR EXAM WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DOCTOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO. THE
5 DOCTOR SAID I HAVE NO PSYCHOSIS. HE SAID I'M STRESSED. I ALSO
6 HAPPEN TO BE A RELIGIOUS CALIFORNIAN. ACCORDING TO CALIFORNIA
7 WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE 7104, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE
8 WHO I'M GOING TO TAKE MY STRESS COUNSELING WITH. I WANT TO
9 TALK TO A RABBI. NOBODY CAN FORCE ME TO TALK TO A PSYCHIATRIST
10 OR PSYCHOLOGIST. THAT'S MY RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IS IMPOSING A REPEAT
12 MENTAL HEALTH EXAM ON ME AND STILL TRYING TO FORCE SERVICES ON
13 ME I DON'T WANT, I DON'T NEED AND MY DOCTOR SAYS THEY'RE NOT
14 MEDICALLY NECESSARY. IT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF TIME, WASTE OF
15 ENERGY, AND IS NOT LEADING TO ANY KIND OF CONCLUSION OR EVEN
16 MOVING THE CASE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE
19 DEPARTMENT TO COME UP AND RESPOND. JUST A FEW QUESTIONS. AS
20 YOU KNOW WHAT OUR CONCERN IS, IS THAT THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO
21 EXPAND CURRENT WRAP-AROUND SERVICES TO INCLUDE R.C.L. YOUTH
22 WHO ARE IN GROUP HOMES.

23
24 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ACCORDING TO THE DATA PROVIDED BY YOUR
2 DEPARTMENT, THIS AMENDMENT WILL ADD SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY
3 3,000 YOUTH COUNTY-WIDE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES IN
4 S.P.A. 6 IS MY ISSUE. MY CONCERN THAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW, HOW
5 WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AND TO ACCOMMODATE THE
6 INCREASED LEVEL OF SERVICES TO S.P.A. 6. PARTICULARLY IF THE
7 STATE DOES NOT ALLOW FOR EXPANSION IN S.P.A. 6, HOW DO YOU
8 MAKE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL S.P.A.S, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A MAJOR
9 ISSUE. WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUP HOMES, NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE A LOT
10 OF GROUP HOMES, WE HAVE MANY YOUTH THAT ARE CERTAINLY IN NEED
11 OF THESE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES.

12
13 **TRISH PLOEHN:** DEFINITELY DO. S.P.A. 6 HAS THE LARGEST NUMBER
14 OF CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND THE SLOTS ARE
15 ALLOCATED BASED ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS WHICH INCLUDES A NUMBER
16 OF CHILDREN IN THAT S.P.A., THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUR
17 SYSTEM AND WHAT THE NEED IS FOR THOSE CHILDREN. THESE SLOTS
18 ARE FROM THE K.D.A. AUTHORITY THAT YOU GAVE US A COUPLE OF
19 WEEKS AGO THAT'S ALLOWING US TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL 3,000 SLOTS.
20 200 OF THOSE ARE TIER 1 SLOTS AND 2,800 ARE TIER 2 SLOTS WHICH
21 ALLOWS US TO GO INTO A LOWER LEVEL OF GROUP HOME TO SERVE
22 THESE CHILDREN. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING IS OVER THE NEXT
23 2 1/2 YEARS, STARTING IN MAY OF '09, IS STARTING TO AUGMENT
24 THE EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR ALL OF OUR 34 AGENCIES ACROSS THE
25 COUNTY AND ADDING ADDITIONAL SLOTS, APPROXIMATELY 50 OR MORE



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1 PER MONTH TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO RAMP UP. FOR THE S.P.A. 6 SLOTS,
2 THERE'S SIX AGENCIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY SERVING S.P.A. 6 AND
3 THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ADD THE ADDITIONAL
4 SLOTS THAT WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR, PROBABLY FOR S.P.A. 6 AROUND
5 900 TO 1,200 SLOTS WILL BE ADDED OVER THE NEXT 2 1/2 YEARS TO
6 SERVE THAT POPULATION. WE ARE ALSO REQUESTING AUTHORITY FROM
7 THE STATE TO AUGMENT TO CONTINUE THESE CONTRACTS OVER THE NEXT
8 FIVE YEARS WITHOUT A NEW SOLICITATION AND TO DO SPECIALIZED
9 RECRUITMENT JUST FOR S.P.A. 6 IN THE EVENT THAT WE NEED
10 ADDITIONAL AGENCIES TO BE ADDED.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU GIVE US A REPORT ON THE APPROVAL
13 BY THE STATE OR NON APPROVAL OR HOW IT'S PROCEEDING?

14

15 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YES. WE ARE HOPING TO GET A RESPONSE FROM THE
16 STATE WITHIN 4 TO 6 WEEKS AND WE CAN LET THE BOARD KNOW IF
17 THERE'S ANY PROBLEM FROM THE STATE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT,
20 I'LL MOVE THE ITEM. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
21 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANY. IS THIS MY TIME TO
24 CALL ANYTHING UP?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I'D LIKE TO-- IS MR. FUJIOKA-- I DON'T
2 KNOW WHETHER MR. TINDALL IS HERE OR NOT. IS HE STILL HERE OR
3 IS HE GONE? IT'S AN ISSUE, IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA. I JUST WANT
4 TO GET A CLARIFICATION ON SOMETHING. I RECEIVED YESTERDAY
5 AFTERNOON A MEMO THAT WAS SENT TO ME, TO ALL OF US, DATED
6 NOVEMBER 1ST, AND I'M SURE IT'S-- IT JUST DIDN'T GET TO ME
7 BECAUSE OF MY INTERNAL PROCESSES, BUT IT RELATES TO THE THE
8 CONSENSUS SCORING ISSUES, AND I JUST WANTED TO-- I DON'T WANT
9 TO GET INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE, BUT AT THE CLOSE OF
10 THE MEMO, IT SAYS THAT, UNDER SUMMARY, IT SAYS FOR THE ABOVE
11 STATED REASONS, I.S.D. USES THE CONSENSUS SCORING METHODOLOGY
12 EXCLUSIVELY, CONSIDERS IT AN INDUSTRY-WIDE BEST PRACTICE AND
13 RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE UTILIZED AS THE COUNTY STANDARD
14 METHODOLOGY FOR EVALUATING PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
15 R.F.P.S. GO AHEAD. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WAS TRYING TO FIND OUT-- ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
18 TOM TINDALL RIGHT NOW?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T NEED TOM, SINCE YOU AND HE BOTH
21 SIGNED THIS. I WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION, THAT WHILE THIS IS
22 A RECOMMENDATION, THIS IS NOT THE POLICY AND THAT THE POLICY
23 WILL NOT BE INSTITUTED WITHOUT THE BOARD'S APPROVAL.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON CONSENSUS SCORING?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON CONSENSUS SCORING. IT SAYS HERE,
3 RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE UTILIZED AS THE COUNTY'S STANDARD
4 METHODOLOGY. IT IS NOT CURRENTLY USED AS THE COUNTY'S STANDARD
5 METHODOLOGY, BUT HE'S RECOMMENDING AND YOU'RE RECOMMENDING
6 THAT IT BE USED AS STANDARD METHODOLOGY. AND I SUPPOSE THE
7 SHREDDING OF DOCUMENTS IS ALSO PART OF THAT STANDARD BUT IT
8 DOESN'T GO INTO THAT HERE. THE BID SCORING DOCUMENTS. I JUST
9 WANT TO BE SURE THAT BEFORE THAT BECOMES THE POLICY, BECAUSE
10 SOMETIMES THESE THINGS GET CIRCULATED AND NOBODY RAISES AN
11 ISSUE AND EVERYBODY ASSUMES THAT WE'RE ALL OKAY WITH IT. I
12 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT BEFORE IT'S INSTITUTED AS COUNTY-WIDE
13 POLICY, THAT-- THIS IS NOVEMBER 1ST MEMO FROM THE C.E.O. AND
14 THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES ENTITLED USE OF CONSENSUS
15 SCORING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL EVALUATIONS.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE A COPY OF IT.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S A RECOMMENDED COPY, IT'S A PRACTICE THAT
22 HAS BEEN USED BEFORE. IT IS NOT-- WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE,
23 IT'S NOT THE FORMAL POLICY, BUT IT IS A RECOMMENDED PRACTICE.
24 IT HAS BEEN-- CONSENSUS SCORING IS NOT NEW FOR US.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF IT
2 TODAY BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT PREPARED AND I'M NOT PREPARED. I'D BE
3 HAPPY TO, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL OF OUR TIME. I
4 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN
5 WHATEVER THE POLICY IS NOW UNTIL THIS IS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. DO I HAVE THAT ASSURANCE? DO WE HAVE
10 THAT ASSURANCE?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** UNDERSTAND.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THAT MEAN YES?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. IF I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, IT WOULD BE "NO."

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU. DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION? THAT'S
21 FINE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS LONG AS YOU'VE GIVEN US YOUR ASSURANCE
24 IT'S ALL RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE, I BELIEVE, ITEMS 65 THROUGH 69. IS THAT
2 CORRECT?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 69.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 65 THROUGH 67 IS THE COST LITIGATION
7 REPORTS OR ITEM 69, WHICH IS THE ROAD COMMISSIONER PUBLIC
8 HEARING.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET'S CALL 65.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE COST LITIGATION REPORTS? 65, 66 AND 67.

13

14 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THIS IS THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE
15 LITIGATION COST MANAGER AND IT'S ALSO COMBINED WITH A REPORT
16 FROM THE C.E.O. RISK MANAGER AND I WILL ASK STEVE ESTABROOK TO
17 REPORT TO YOU. HIS WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED AT THE END OF
18 SEPTEMBER AND FIRST OF OCTOBER.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** I'M ROCKY ARMFIELD. I'M THE COUNTY'S RISK
23 MANAGER. PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE
24 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE RISK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT IS A
25 REPORT THAT SUMMARIZES THE FISCAL YEAR'S LOSSES AND COSTS FOR



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1 TORT LIABILITY CLAIMS INCLUDING VEHICLE LIABILITY, MEDICAL
2 MALPRACTICE, GENERAL LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION. THE
3 REPORT IS PRIMARILY, HOWEVER, INTENDED TO ASSIST DEPARTMENTS
4 TO ASSESS THEIR DEPARTMENT EXPOSURES AND LOSSES AND ENHANCE
5 THE DEPARTMENT'S LOSS CONTROL AND CLAIMS PROCESSES TO MITIGATE
6 THOSE EXPOSURES. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT IN THIS REPORT THAT
7 WHAT WE'VE NOTICED IS A REDUCTION IN THE COUNTY'S OVERALL COST
8 OF RISK. OUR GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE A 2 PERCENT COST OF RISK
9 VERSUS THE COUNTY BUDGET. THE COST OF RISK INCORPORATES ALL
10 OUR TORT LIABILITY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION-RELATED EXPENSES.
11 SPECIFICALLY IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION, THE WORKERS'
12 COMPENSATION EXPENSES PAID ESSENTIALLY REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM
13 THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. THAT IS IN THE FACE OF AND CHALLENGED
14 BY 6 PERCENT INCREASE IN STAFFING OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS
15 OVERALL IN THE COUNTY AND ALSO TREMENDOUS STRESSES ON OUR
16 PROGRAM DUE TO MEDICAL INFLATION THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 6
17 PERCENT ON AN ANNUALIZED BASIS. IN RECENT COMPARISON TO THE
18 STATE OVERALL WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM, THE STATE
19 RECENTLY ANNOUNCED 5 PERCENT RATE PREMIUM INCREASE IN PREMIUM
20 RATES THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHILE WE REMAIN RELATIVELY STABLE.
21 ONE THING I'M VERY PLEASED TO NOTE IS THAT PARTICULARLY THE
22 SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAD A \$3 MILLION DECREASE IN
23 THEIR SALARY CONTINUATION AND LABOR CODE 4850 CLAIMS. IT SHOWS
24 A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON OUR TOTAL EXPENDITURES. ANOTHER
25 TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT WE HAD LAST YEAR WAS A GROWTH IN OUR



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1 SUMMARY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 PROCESSES. WE ARE NOW REQUIRING DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE US WITH
3 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND SUMMARIES FOR CASES THAT ARE
4 RESERVED AT \$20,000 OR MORE. SUMMARY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS
5 ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CLAIMS
6 BOARD. SUMMARY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS ARE ALSO REQUIRED FOR
7 EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY CASES. THEY'RE REQUIRED FOR ALL
8 ADVERSE JURY VERDICTS AND ANY MATTERS THAT GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR
9 BOARD AND BYPASS THE CLAIMS BOARD. OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE
10 IS THE FACT THAT SUMMARY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS ARE NOW
11 SIGNED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS. WHAT THAT DOES FOR YOU IS
12 ASSURE THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT HEAD HAS ANALYZED THE LOSS, COME
13 UP A PLAN AND IS COMMITTED TO THAT PLAN IN WRITING TO REDUCE
14 THOSE LOSSES AND EXPOSURES. ALSO, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR
15 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ALL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE BEEN
16 REQUESTED TO DEVELOP A SPECIFIC M.A.P. OR MANAGEMENT APPRAISAL
17 AND PERFORMANCE GOAL FOR EACH ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND FOR
18 THEMSELVES. PLEASED TO REPORT THAT MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM
19 AND EXPENSE ACTUALLY DECREASED LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, WE HAD AN
20 INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF CLAIMS WITHIN D.H.S., OUR
21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, BUT THAT WAS OFFSET BY A VERY
22 POSITIVE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS
23 INCURRED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. YOUR C.E.O. IS ACTIVELY
24 ENGAGED WITH WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY THEIR
25 LOSSES AND EXPOSURES. WE'VE TAKEN A HARD LOOK AT ALL OF OUR



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1 LIABILITY CLAIMS FROM LAST YEAR. WE NOTICED THAT NO SPECIFIC
2 TREND WAS INCURRED BY ANY SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT. RATHER, WE DID
3 HAVE AN INCREASE IN FREQUENCY GENERALLY COMMITTED BY ROUTINE
4 MATTERS WITHIN THE FUNCTIONAL DEPARTMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, ANIMAL
5 CARE AND CONTROL HAD OVER 100 PERCENT INCREASE IN THEIR CLAIMS
6 BUT THEY'RE ALL ALLEGED CLAIMS DUE TO THE HANDLING OF THE
7 ANIMALS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED, THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC
8 IMPACT AND ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE ALSO PUTTING STRESSES ON OUR
9 PROGRAM. THE TREASURER CUT TAX COLLECTOR CLAIMS INCREASED BY
10 OVER 600 PERCENT, PRIMARILY DUE TO TAX MATTERS AND
11 FORECLOSURES. THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ACTUALLY INCREASED THEIR
12 CLAIMS BY NEARLY 300 PERCENT DUE TO ALLEGED CLAIMS OF
13 OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES AND INCORRECT ASSESSMENTS. REGISTRAR-
14 RECORDER CLAIMS INCREASED DUE TO ALLEGED ELECTION OR RECORDING
15 ERRORS AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER ACTUALLY INCREASED THEIR
16 CLAIMS BY ALMOST 200 PERCENT DUE TO TAX CHARGE ISSUES. ON PAGE
17 34 OF OUR REPORT-- EXCUSE ME, ON PAGE 9 THROUGH 11 ON OUR
18 REPORT, YOU'LL FIND 34 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IF THE DEPARTMENTS
19 EMBRACE AND SPECIFICALLY DEVELOP WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT
20 THEIR LOSSES AND EXPOSURE. 34 RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE
21 SIGNIFICANT ONES THROUGHOUT ALL OF THOSE PAGES BUT I'D LIKE TO
22 JUST MENTION A FEW THAT I THINK ARE MOST IMPORTANT. FIRST OF
23 ALL, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE THE
24 NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS AND TO DO A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION
25 OF THEIR EXPOSURES AND CLAIMS AND DEVELOP PLANS TO MITIGATE



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1 THOSE EXPENSES AND THOSE EXPOSURES. WE WANT THE DEPARTMENTS TO
2 AGGRESSIVELY ADDRESS RETURN TO WORK AND LEAVE MANAGEMENT.
3 WE'RE CHALLENGING THE DEPARTMENTS TO INCREASE OR CALCULATE
4 THEIR OWN COST OF RISK AND WE WANT THEM TO WORK WITH OUR STAFF
5 AND C.E.O. TO INCLUDE INDEMNIFICATION, APPROPRIATE
6 INDEMNIFICATION INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IN ALL OF THEIR
7 CONTRACTS. WE ALSO WANT THEM TO-- AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST
8 IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO IS TO REVIEW ALL THEIR SUMMARY
9 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS FOR
10 COMPLIANCE WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENT. WE ALSO WANT THEM TO
11 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOUND IN OUR NEEDS ASSESSMENTS
12 THAT WOULD DEVELOP OR LOSS PREVENTION PEOPLE AND PROVIDED TO
13 DEPARTMENTS AND TO DO AND BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN
14 LIABILITY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM REVIEWS. NEXT YEAR
15 IN FISCAL YEAR, F.Y. '09, WE WANT THE DEPARTMENTS TO-- AND WE
16 WANT TO WORK WITH THEM TO EXPAND THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE NEEDS
17 ASSESSMENTS. WE WANT TO, AS A C.E.O. RISK MANAGEMENT UNIT, TO
18 WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENTS AS THEY DEVELOP THEIR OWN
19 M.A.P. PLANS, THEIR OWN M.A.P. GOALS. WE ALSO WANT TO ENHANCE
20 OUR RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND PROVIDE THAT SYSTEM
21 TO THE DEPARTMENTS. WITHOUT ADEQUATE TOOLS THAT THE
22 DEPARTMENTS HAVE AT THEIR CAPACITY AND ABILITY, I'M NOT SURE
23 THAT THEY CAN STEP UP TO THE DEGREE WE WOULD LIKE. THIS IS AN
24 IMPORTANT STEP. OF COURSE, WE ALSO WANT TO IMPROVE OUR
25 COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AS THEY



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1 IDENTIFY EXPOSURES AND LOSSES AND WORK WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS
2 ACCORDINGLY. THAT'S MY FIXED PRESENTATION, MY SPECIFIC ISSUE
3 THAT I'D LIKE TO BRING FORWARD. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS YOU
4 HAD LIKE ME TO ANSWER AT THIS TIME, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY COMMENTS? ANY QUESTIONS?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WAS GOING TO WAIT FOR MR. ESTABROOK'S REPORT.

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10 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THIS YEAR,
11 2007/2008, THE REPORT INDICATES THAT ATTORNEY'S FEES-- CAN YOU
12 HEAR ME? IS THAT BETTER? THANK YOU. THE ATTORNEY'S FEES, TOTAL
13 ATTORNEY'S FEES, WERE REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 13 PERCENT THEY
14 WENT FROM 50 MILLION IN '07 TO 43 MILLION IN '08. JUDGMENTS
15 AND SETTLEMENTS PAID WERE REDUCED BY 10 PERCENT. THEY WENT
16 FROM 50 MILLION TO 45 MILLION. THE APPROVED SETTLEMENTS ALSO
17 WENT DOWN BY APPROXIMATELY 26 PERCENT. THE LAWSUITS FOR LAST
18 YEAR INCREASED OVER THE YEAR BEFORE BY ABOUT 10 PERCENT. WE
19 WERE SUED LAST YEAR APPROXIMATELY 736 TIMES. DURING THE YEAR
20 LAST YEAR, THE COUNTY COUNSEL IMPLEMENTED THE LITIGATION
21 SEVERITY INDEX. THIS IS A POLICY AND PROCEDURE WHICH IS GEARED
22 TO FOCUSING ON THE SIZE OF THE CASE AND THE SIZE OF THE
23 EXPOSURE. EACH CASE IS ANALYZED AND GIVEN A SPECIFIC NUMBER
24 WHICH INDICATES THE EXPOSURE AND THAT CASE THEN IS ROUND
25 TABLED UNTIL CONCLUSION AND IT UNDERGOES A SERIES OF



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1 PROCEDURES AS IT MOVES THROUGH TOWARD TRIAL AND THE CONCEPT IS
2 THAT WE PUT OUR RESOURCES WHERE THE EXPOSURES ARE. THAT
3 LITIGATION SEVERITY INDEX IN THAT WAS INCORPORATED A VARIETY
4 OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING NEW BUDGET FORMS WHICH
5 TRACK THE CASES BY PHASE FROM BEGINNING TO END AND PROVIDE A
6 DETAILED BUDGET. ALSO IT PROVIDES A COMPARISON OF THE EXPOSURE
7 VERSUS WHAT WE BUDGET IN TERMS OF SPENDING ON ATTORNEY'S FEES,
8 SO WE'VE GOT IMMEDIATE COST RISK ANALYSIS OR BENEFIT ANALYSIS.
9 WE ALSO HAVE POST-TRIAL PROTOCOLS IN PLACE AS PART OF THE
10 L.S.I., OR LITIGATION SEVERITY INDEX. THESE PROTOCOLS SET
11 FORTH A METHOD TO ANALYZED CASES IN WHICH THE RESULT WOULD BE
12 MORE THAN WHAT WE INITIALLY ANTICIPATED AND IT PROVIDES FOR A
13 METHOD OF ANALYZING THOSE RESULTS. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE
14 GUIDELINES THAT WERE PROMULGATED, BILLING GUIDELINES WHICH
15 WILL ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING BUDGETS AND ALSO IN TRACKING
16 INVOICES AND FOLLOWING INVOICES AND REVIEWING THEM FOR OUR
17 ATTORNEYS, AND THAT'S JUST AN OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT AND YOU
18 HAVE THE FURTHER DETAILS IN THE REPORT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, MR. ESTABROOK AND MR.
21 ARMFIELD, THANK YOU. I WENT THROUGH THESE REPORTS AND MY STAFF
22 WENT THROUGH THESE REPORTS AND THEY'VE ASKED YOU A LOT OF
23 QUESTIONS AND WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING UP ON A LOT OF IT. BUT
24 OVERALL I HAVE TO SAY THIS IS SO IMPRESSIVE AS TO WHERE WE ARE
25 NOW AS FAR AS AT LEAST HAVING A MORE EFFECTIVE MONITORING AND



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1 TRACKING SYSTEM OVERALL. SO WE HAVE AN AWFUL A LOT TO GRATEFUL
2 FOR IN THOSE TWO REPORTS AND IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COME
3 FROM THE VARIOUS REPORTS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE A
4 COUNTY THAT IS PAYING A HALF A BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR IN
5 SETTLEMENTS. THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT
6 COLLECTIVELY, AND IT IS A CONCERN. THIS IS A HALF A BILLION
7 DOLLARS THAT COULD GO A LONG WAY IN HEALTH SERVICES AND
8 CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND IN THOSE AREAS, BUT THE REALITY IS WE
9 ARE A MAJOR CORPORATION, WITH MANY EMPLOYEES, MANY ISSUES AND
10 WE ARE FORTUNATE TO CONTAIN IT, I GUESS TO THAT LEVEL. BUT
11 THERE'S MUCH MORE WORK THAT WE CAN DO TO CONTAIN IT EVEN
12 FURTHER, WHICH I THINK BOTH REPORTS REALLY TELL US, AND I
13 THINK THAT THE SUCCESS OF SOME OF THE TRACKING THAT'S BEEN
14 DONE IN COUNTY COUNSEL I THINK HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE. THE
15 SEVERITY INDEX IS CRITICAL COMPONENT, PUT INTO THE PROPER
16 PROTOCOLS WITH ALL OF THE LAWYERS I THINK IS VERY HELPFUL IN
17 GIVING GUIDANCE TO A LAWSUIT, WHICH I THINK IS SOMETHING THAT
18 WE HAVE NOT HAD FOR A LONG TIME. AND SO THOSE THINGS ARE VERY
19 HELPFUL, AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTAIN OUR LEGAL COSTS
20 WHICH IS GOOD, EVEN THOUGH THOSE ARE STILL, WHEN YOU LOOK AT
21 THEM, EXTREMELY HIGH. THERE ARE ISSUES, THOUGH, AS WE GO
22 THROUGH ALL OF THIS. WE HAVE SEEN IN SOME OF THE CASES WHERE
23 OUR LEGAL FEES EXCEED THE SETTLEMENT, AND NOT BY A LITTLE BIT,
24 BUT BY A WHOLE LOT, AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THOSE BUDGETS, YOU
25 CAN SEE THAT BUDGETING MEANS NOTHING. I MEAN, IT BASICALLY



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1 TRAILS WHATEVER THE COSTS ARE AND I THINK YOU KNOW IN THE ONE
2 CASE, AND I WON'T MENTION, WHERE, YOU KNOW, THEY CHANGE THE
3 BUDGET EVERY TIME THE COST ESCALATED, AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S
4 WHAT BUDGETING IS ABOUT, AND CERTAINLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
5 INVOICES THAT WE WENT THROUGH AS WELL, THERE WAS REALLY A LOT
6 OF ISSUES WHERE THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EXPERIENCED FOLKS
7 LOOKING AT SOME OF THESE EXPENDITURES. WHEN YOU HAVE A BILLING
8 OF ALMOST SIX TO SEVEN HOURS FOR REVIEWING MEDICAL RECORDS,
9 IT'S GOT TO CONCERN ANYBODY, AND A LOT OF DRAFTING AND
10 REDRAFTING, SO I THINK THEY NEED TO BE SCRUTINIZED A LITTLE
11 BIT MORE, BUT I DO THINK THAT IT CAN BE HELPFUL AS FAR AS TO
12 HOW WE REVIEW ALL OF THIS. NOW, IF, IN FACT, NOT EVERYTHING
13 WAS UNDER THE SEVERITY INDEX BEFORE, I THINK THAT-- AND THAT
14 MIGHT BE THE CASE FOR THAT ONE NOW, IF THAT ONE WERE PUT IN
15 THAT KIND OF PROTOCOL AND PROCESS, HOPEFULLY WE WOULD HAVE HAD
16 A DIFFERENT OUTCOME. I ALSO WANT TO RESPECT THE FACT THAT YOU
17 HAVE TO SPEND MONEY IN ORDER TO SUCCEED, AND I UNDERSTAND
18 THAT, BUT IT REALLY DOES REQUIRE SOME LEVEL OF SCRUTINY TO
19 SAY-- I MEAN, THERE ARE SOME CASES AND SOME ISSUES WHERE WE
20 ARE TREMENDOUSLY AT FAULT AND THERE'S JUST NO WAY THAT YOU'RE
21 GOING TO GET AROUND IT, SO YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR
22 LIABILITY IS GOING TO BE. I THINK THERE SHOULD BE SOME
23 CONTAINMENT THAT REQUIRES REALLY LEGAL SCRUTINY ON YOUR PART
24 AND MAYBE SOME OVERSIGHT WHERE YOU MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO
25 HOW MUCH YOU'RE GOING TO EXPEND IN LEGAL COSTS.



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2 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE PART THAT I DON'T SEE AND HEAR AS ANY
5 EVALUATION. COULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

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7 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE NEW L.S.I.,
8 LITIGATION SEVERITY INDEX, REQUIRES BUDGETING, AND I'M
9 FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE THAT YOU MENTIONED, VERY FAMILIAR WITH
10 IT, AND THAT HAPPENED DURING A CROSSOVER FROM THE PRIOR
11 BUDGETING FORUM TO THE NEW BUDGETING FORUM. AND WE'RE ALWAYS
12 GOING TO HAVE CASES WHERE, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE EXPOSURE AND
13 THE POTENTIAL EXPOSURE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE CASES THAT EXIST
14 IN THE COUNTY THAT IT LOOKS LOPSIDED OR NOT QUITE RIGHT. WE'VE
15 GOT CASES THAT WE HAVE TO DEFEND THAT YOU'RE AWARE OF. WE HAVE
16 SHERIFF'S CASES AND DIFFERENT LIABILITY CASES THAT COME OUR
17 WAY THAT WE ARE FORCED TO SPEND MONEY ON TO DEFEND BECAUSE IF
18 WE PAY EVERY CASE LIKE THAT THAT COMES ALONG, THEN WE'RE GOING
19 TO END UP WRITING A LOT OF CHECKS AND THEY'RE GOING TO GET
20 BIGGER AND BIGGER, SO WE HAVE TO ANALYZE EACH CASE SO IT'S NOT
21 -- IT'S NOT A SITUATION WHERE WE MAKE A RULE AND APPLY ONE
22 SIZE FITS ALL. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE AND THE
23 CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THAT CASE. WE NOW HAVE IN PLACE A BUDGET
24 FORM WHICH TRACKS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE CASE, SO AT THE
25 VERY BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS, WE CAN COMPARE WHAT OUR



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1 POTENTIAL EXPOSURE OR RECOVERY WILL BE TO WHAT OUR EXPECTED
2 LEGAL FEES WILL BE, AND IT'S A VERY DETAILED PHASED IN BUDGET
3 FORM THAT WE CAN LOOK AT SO WE CAN BE AWARE OF THAT. ON SOME
4 CASES, WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT A LOT OF IT'S DRIVEN BY THE
5 PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS. AN EXAMPLE MIGHT BE AN EMPLOYMENT CASE
6 WHERE THE LAWYERS ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE PLAINTIFFS' LAWYERS
7 KNOW THAT THE MORE THEY WORK ON THE CASE, THE HIGHER THEY
8 DRIVE UP THE FEES, THE MORE MONEY THEY GET AT THE END OF THE
9 DAY, SO THEY KNOW THIS, SO THEY WILL TRY TO EXTEND THE CASE.
10 OUR JOB IS TO VALUE THE CASE AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN,
11 DECIDE WHERE WE WANT TO GO, AND MAKE THE DECISION TO TRY TO
12 GET IT SETTLED. SOMETIMES THE PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS WILL
13 COOPERATE, AS YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES THEY WILL NOT. I THINK IN
14 THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, AN EXAMPLE OF SIZING OF CASES AND
15 GETTING TO THE-- RIGHT TO THE HEART OF IT AND GETTING IT
16 SETTLED WOULD BE OUR MED. MAL. CASES, OUR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
17 CASES. IF YOU KNOW YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING, TAKE CARE OF IT, AND
18 IF WE CAN DO THAT, WE DO. NOW, AGAIN, SOMETIMES THE
19 PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS DO NOT COOPERATE WITH US IN THAT REGARD,
20 AND SO MONEY HAS TO BE SPENT, BUT THE KEY HERE IS EVERY CASE
21 HAS TO BE LOOKED AT, NOT ONLY JUST FOR THAT CASE BUT SOMETIMES
22 FOR CASES THAT FOLLOW AFTER IT AND COME BEFORE IT, BECAUSE WE
23 KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE SUED BY PRISONERS ON A REGULAR BASIS,
24 AND SOMETIMES IT LOOKS UPSIDE DOWN WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FEES



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1 VERSUS THE COSTS. OUR JOB IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T GET
2 TOO UPSIDE DOWN.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT YOU WHAT?

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6 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** OUR JOB IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T GET TOO
7 UPSIDE DOWN, THAT WE SPEND AS MUCH AS WE HAVE TO AND THAT'S IT
8 TO DEFEND A CASE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I THINK THAT'S THE KEY, IS UNDERSTANDING
11 AND CREATING THAT KIND OF BALANCE, AND THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO
12 HAVE THESE REVIEWS, AND I'M GLAD THAT WE DO HAVE THAT IN
13 PLACE, AND HOPEFULLY WE SHOULD SEE SOME SUCCESS IN THE COMING
14 YEARS AS WE START IMPLEMENTING IT, BUT IT'S ONLY GOING TO BE
15 AS EFFECTIVE AS THE ABILITY TO REVIEW IT FROM THE STANDPOINT
16 TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE TO IT AND TRAIN PEOPLE TO
17 UNDERSTAND HOW TO UTILIZE IT, SO THAT IS GOING TO BE A TEAM
18 CONCEPT THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO OPERATE. NOW, THE OTHER PART,
19 AND I'M GOING TO LOOK AT THAT, TOO, AND IT REALLY IS HELPFUL
20 TO KNOW THAT WE'RE GETTING SOME CONTROL OF OUR MEDICAL
21 MALPRACTICE, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE ALL THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
22 FINALLY STARTED, WAS THIS LOOKING AT THINGS THAT WE DID WRONG,
23 THEY WERE CLEARLY WRONG AND WHILE WE KNOW THAT IT HAPPENS AND
24 THERE'S A LOT OF LAWSUITS, WE SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE CONTAINMENT
25 AND CONTROL AT THE VERY BEGINNING. SO I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT



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1 THAT IS WHERE THERE IS SOME IMPROVEMENT, AND WE ALSO HAVE
2 OTHER ISSUES, BUT IT DOES SPEAK VOLUMES AS WELL AS TO PART OF
3 THE ANALYTICAL ASPECT OF WHAT YOU NEED TO BE DOING, AND I KNOW
4 IN YOUR REPORT, WHILE YOU PUT IN SOME ASPECTS OF WHAT YOU'RE
5 TALKING ABOUT AS FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS, IT IS STILL MISSING
6 AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK ON ANALYZING SOME OF THESE CASES
7 AND THAT'S WHERE IT BRINGS IN MR. ARMFIELD AS WELL, TO LOOK AT
8 THEM IN A COLLECTIVE SENSE. NOW, I HAVE TO THINK THAT WHEN YOU
9 TALK ABOUT RISK MANAGEMENT, IT BASICALLY, I GUESS, MR.
10 ARMFIELD IS THE RISK MANAGER SO HE SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF
11 QUOTE, RISK MANAGEMENT, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT IS
12 NECESSARILY THE CASE. MR. ARMFIELD, YOU CAN SPEAK FOR YOURSELF
13 ON THIS ISSUE. IT SEEMS TO ME, AS YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AND AS
14 YOU DEMONSTRATED THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER ON SOME OF
15 THESE ISSUES, THE PART THAT IS MISSING FOR ME IS THE TRENDING.
16 I DON'T SEE THAT IN EITHER REPORT. I THINK THAT IF WE LOOKED
17 AT YEARS AGO NOT MALPRACTICE, THERE WAS REAL TRENDING THAT YOU
18 COULD SEE WHERE, IN FACT, THERE NEEDED TO BE BETTER TRAINING
19 OF NURSES, DOC.S, READING, KEEPING DOCUMENTS BECAUSE WE KEPT
20 SEEING IN THE SAME SET OF LAWSUITS THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE A CASE
21 BECAUSE WE LOST SOME OF THE MEDICAL RECORDS OR THE MEDICAL
22 STRIPS OR THINGS OF THAT SORT. BUT I'M NOT SEEING IT NOW AS TO
23 HOW YOU'RE LOOKING AT YOUR CASES, AND LOOKING AT THE FUTURE,
24 IF WE'RE GOING TO DO CONTAINMENT, AS TO WHAT KIND OF TRENDING



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1 IS GOING ON AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO. COULD YOU PLEASE SPEAK TO
2 THOSE ITEMS? OR DO YOU SEE IT THAT WAY?

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4 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** CHAIR BURKE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I TOTALLY
5 CONCUR. I THINK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN THE PAST IS KEEPING
6 THINGS AT A HIGHER LEVEL. WE DO SOME TRENDING IN A SENSE THAT
7 WE PROVIDED INFORMATION IN OUR ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE LAST
8 THREE FISCAL YEARS. I THINK WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT IS YOU WANT
9 MORE SPECIFICITY, WHAT'S UNDERNEATH THAT NUMBER? IF WE HAVE AN
10 INCREASE OF 50 CLAIMS, WHAT'S CAUSING THAT INCREASE IN CLAIMS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY.

13

14 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** YOU'RE NOT SEEING THAT IN THE REPORT AND
15 THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU SEE THAT AS A RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU
18 HAVE?

19

20 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** YES, MA'AM.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE, FOR EXAMPLE, I LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE
23 EMPLOYMENT CASES AND IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE LOSE, BUT
24 WE LOSE AUTOMATICALLY WHEN WE DON'T HAVE EMPLOYMENT RECORDS
25 WHERE YOU DID PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS. WHEN WE HAVE EMPLOYMENT



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1 RECORDS THAT YOU DISMISSED SOMEBODY BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
2 BACKUP, THAT THAT JUSTIFIES WHATEVER THAT DISMISSAL WAS, SO
3 THIS IS JUST DOCUMENTATION THAT NEEDS TO BE MAINTAINED AND WE
4 WOULD HAVE AT LEAST A BETTER OUTCOME OR A BETTER OPPORTUNITY
5 IN COURT ON THAT, AND I DON'T SEE THAT HAPPENING HERE. SO HOW
6 DO YOU MAKE THAT HAPPEN? DO YOU TELL THE DEPARTMENTS, FOR
7 EXAMPLE?

8

9 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT, SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

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14 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** THE KEY TO ANALYZING THE TRENDS, I BELIEVE,
15 IS TO LOOK AT DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT AND THE TYPES OF CASES
16 THAT THEY HAVE AND BREAK IT DOWN, SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT WHERE
17 THE LIABILITY IS OCCURRING. YOU HAVE TO ANALYZE THAT ABILITY,
18 AND WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT TRENDS IT STARTS WITH A CASE BY
19 CASE AND IDENTIFYING THAT CASE. NOW WE'RE WORKING JOINTLY,
20 WHEN I SAY "WE", THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL ARE WORKING
21 JOINTLY ON IDENTIFYING CASE TYPES. ALSO, AS YOU KNOW, THEY
22 HAVE BEEN WORKING IDENTIFYING CAUSE CODES, THE CAUSE OF THESE
23 THINGS. I BELIEVE INITIALLY, WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE CASE
24 TYPES AND WE HAVE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH, AND
25 THEN WE LOOK FOR TRENDS. THAT'S WHEN THE COMMUNICATION REALLY



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1 STARTS BECAUSE WHEN WE IDENTIFY A TREND, WE KNOW FOR EXAMPLE
2 YOUR DISCUSSION ABOUT AN EMPLOYMENT CASE, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT
3 TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT CASE. WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE THAT EMPLOYMENT
4 CASE, WHAT DEPARTMENT IT WAS IN, AND THEN WE START ASKING WHY
5 IT OCCURRED AND THAT'S WHEN YOU GET INTO YOUR TRENDS, THAT'S
6 WHERE WE WANT TO BE. THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO BE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHERE IS THAT HAPPENING NOW?

9

10 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** THAT'S ONE OF OUR GOALS FOR THIS YEAR THAT WE
11 SUBMITTED IN OUR JOINT REPORT, IS TO WORK ON THE CAUSE CODES,
12 AND ALSO CASE TYPES, AND GET OUR DATABASE UP TO SPEED ON THAT.
13 RIGHT NOW, IT'S LACKING THAT INFORMATION AND WE HAVE TO GET
14 THE INFORMATION IN THE DATABASE SO THAT WE CAN RUN REPORTS AND
15 ANALYZE THIS AND THEN WE CAN GO BACK TO THE DEPARTMENTS, WHICH
16 IS ANOTHER INITIATIVE THAT ROCKY AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT AND
17 INFORM THE DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TOP DOWN, "THESE
18 ARE YOUR PROBLEMS. THIS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING." AN EXAMPLE WOULD
19 BE ON YOUR EMPLOYMENT ISSUE. IF WE LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT, IF
20 WE SEE A MANAGER THAT'S HAVING PROBLEMS, THEN WE CAN HELP THAT
21 MANAGER, WE CAN GET IN AND WE CAN PROVIDE THAT MANAGER WITH
22 THE ASSISTANCE THAT HE OR SHE NEEDS SO THEY DON'T HAVE THESE
23 PROBLEMS AND WE DON'T HAVE THE LIABILITY. THAT MAY BE IN THE
24 FORM OF TRAINING, IT MAY BE IN THE FORM OF SITTING DOWN WITH
25 ATTORNEYS AND FINDING OUT HOW-- WHAT LAWSUITS ARE ABOUT AND



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1 WHAT CAUSES THEM. WHATEVER IT IS, WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THAT AND
2 GET TO IT AND MAKE THAT CHANGE AND THEN COMMUNICATE IT TO THE
3 DEPARTMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THIS, IN YOUR GOALS AS YOU'RE GOING TO BE
6 DOING THIS COLLECTIVELY NOW? RIGHT?

7

8 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** YES.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ONE OF THE THINGS, AND TODAY, WE HAVE
11 IN CLOSED SESSION A COUPLE OF CASES, AND MY OFFICE HAD TO WORK
12 REALLY HARD ON THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, THEY HAD TO BE REDONE,
13 THEY HAD TO BE REWORKED, THEY HAD TO BE A LOT OF BASIC
14 QUESTIONS ASKED, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, AT THE END OF
15 THE DAY, THEY ARE REALLY VERY, VERY GOOD, SO YOU'RE AT THE
16 SAME MERCY OF WHAT I AM, AND THAT IS THE INFORMATION THAT YOU
17 GET IS WHAT IT IS, SO UNLESS WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO REALLY
18 HAVE WELL THOUGHT OUT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, REALLY INVESTIGATE
19 OR HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO ASK THE BASIC QUESTIONS OF
20 WHAT HAPPENED, WHY DID IT HAPPEN, WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN, WHAT
21 WERE THE PROCEDURES IN PLACE, WHO WERE THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE,
22 WHY DID THEY GET--? ALL OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS, INSTEAD OF
23 JUST SAYING, "WE DIDN'T DO THIS BUT WE'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN,"
24 WHICH HAS BEEN THE WAY MOST OF THESE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS HAVE
25 BEEN DONE. HOW ARE WE GOING TO DEAL AND ADDRESS WITH THE ISSUE



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1 OF THE QUALITY OF THAT CORRECTIVE ACTION, WHICH IS BASICALLY
2 SENT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT TO DO, WHICH FROM DAY ONE THEY'RE
3 VERY DEFENSIVE, BY THE WAY. ISN'T THAT THEIR INITIAL THING,
4 YOU KNOW, THIS WAS A FLUKE, IT NEVER REALLY HAPPENS. SO HOW
5 ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOW EFFECTIVE YOU'RE
6 GOING TO GET THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO YOU. ONE OF THE THINGS
7 WE FOUND IN THE THREE REPORTS THAT WERE DUE TODAY, IS WHEN YOU
8 READ THEM, THERE ARE PARTS MISSING, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT
9 ANYBODY READS THEM BEFORE THEY PRESENT THEM TO US, BUT IT DOES
10 CONCERN US. WE'VE EVEN FOUND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT ARE JUST,
11 THEY PUT THE PERSON WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DOING THE CORRECTIVE
12 ACTION, IS NO LONGER LIVING. I MEAN, THAT REALLY REQUIRES-- SO
13 HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ASSURE US AND EVEN FOR YOUR BENEFIT THAT
14 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE QUALITY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS?

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16 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** CHAIR BURKE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, LET ME ANSWER
17 THAT QUESTION.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

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21 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** LAST YEAR, WE CONDUCTED 170 TRAINING SESSIONS
22 WITH INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS ON SPECIFIC CAPS. THAT EMPHASIS
23 WILL CONTINUE. WE HAVE A TENTATIVE PLAN TO ACTUALLY INCREASE
24 OUR STAFF FOR RISK MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS THE CAP PROCESS. WE
25 HOLD QUARTERLY MEETINGS WITH ALL RISK MANAGERS COORDINATORS



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1 AND WE REVIEW THE SPECIFIC CAPS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE TO
2 THOSE DEPARTMENTS WITH THOSE RISK MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS.
3 WE'VE ALSO STARTED MEETINGS WITH THE PERSONNEL OFFICERS,
4 PARTICULARLY ON CAPS THAT COULD PERTAIN TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT
5 THAT AROSE OUT OF THE WORK OF ONE SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT ON
6 EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES CASES, SO WE'RE GOING TO WORK VERY
7 CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENTS. WE ALSO HAVE HAD PROBABLY SEVEN
8 SPECIFIC TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ARE WIDER THAN THAT FOR ALL
9 DEPARTMENTS ON CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. ADDITIONALLY WE'VE MET WITH
10 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND CONDUCTED
11 SPECIFIC TRAINING ON CAPS FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS. THAT EFFORT
12 WILL CONTINUE. WE ENCOURAGE DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW THEIR
13 SUMMARY ACTION CORRECTIVE PLANS WITH US PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO
14 YOUR BOARD. I SIT ON THE CLAIMS BOARD--

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT DO THEY DO THAT NOW? WHEN YOU SAY YOU
17 ENCOURAGE THEM, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

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19 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** WE HAVE NOT MANDATED THAT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
20 PART OF IT IS I'D RATHER THE DEPARTMENT NOT MAKE THIS-- WE
21 WANT THEM TO MAKE IT THEIR OWN. WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO MAKE IT
22 THEIR OWN THROUGH TRAINING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAP. IF
23 IT COMES TO ME FOR APPROVAL, THEN IT'S MY CAP, IT'S NOT THEIR
24 CAP. IF YOU NOTICE IN ONE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, WE ARE
25 EMPHASIZING THAT THE DEPARTMENTS TAKE THE NEXT STEP, STEP UP



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1 TO THAT CAP REQUIREMENT, PROVIDE THE TRANSPARENCY TO THE
2 PUBLIC THAT YOU REQUIRE, GIVE YOUR BOARD A VERY SPECIFIC
3 EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO ABOUT
4 IT AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE EXPANDING IN THE FUTURE IS ALSO
5 ASKING THE DEPARTMENTS TO COME BACK TO US, NOT JUST RISK
6 MANAGEMENT AUDITING THE DEPARTMENT, BUT THE DEPARTMENT TELLING
7 US, THIS IS WHAT WE'VE DONE, THIS IS HOW WE'RE PREPARED TO GO
8 FORWARD.

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10 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL STANDPOINT, I THINK
11 THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND THOSE TYPES OF MEASURES
12 THAT PARTICULARLY WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO
13 MAKING SURE THAT WE CONTROL OUR LITIGATION COSTS, AND IT
14 SHOULD START WHEN THE CLAIM WALKS IN THE DOOR AND IT GOES
15 THROUGH THE ENTIRE LIFE OF THAT CASE, SO IT DOESN'T JUST--
16 IT'S NOT AT THE END, IT'S FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END. NOW
17 THE LAWYERS, WE PLAY, I THINK, A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THAT,
18 BECAUSE ALTHOUGH WE DON'T SEE IT AT THE VERY BEGINNING, WHEN
19 IT GETS INTO LITIGATION, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THINGS
20 THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T ABOUT. CASES. OUR VIEW IS, WE NEED
21 TO SEE THOSE THINGS AND COMMUNICATE THAT TO NOT ONLY THE RISK
22 MANAGERS BUT IT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE DEPARTMENTS.
23 THE RISK MANAGERS, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT GET THAT DONE.
24 THEY'RE THERE AT THE ROUND TABLES, WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
25 THE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE FIXED OR SHOULD MAKE OUR CASE



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1 STRONGER, AND FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL
2 ABOUT. OUR JOB IS TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE COUNTY POSITION
3 WITH STRENGTH AND THE BEST CASE THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY MUSTER.
4 THAT'S WHERE OUR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS COME IN. WE HAVE TO
5 DEFINE OUR ROLES, HOWEVER, BECAUSE AS A LAWYER, WE DON'T RUN
6 HOSPITALS, WE DON'T BUILD ROADS, WE DON'T PATROL STREETS. WE
7 HAVE-- OUR JOB IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PRESENT THE BEST CASE
8 AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, WIN, SO WE AS LAWYERS HAVE WISH LISTS AND
9 I'VE NEVER HAD ALL MY WISH LISTS GRANTED, WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO
10 CONTROL LITIGATION, BECAUSE AS I SAID, WE'RE NOT OPERATIONS
11 PEOPLE. WE'RE LAWYERS AND WE KNOW HOW TO PRESENT THINGS TO THE
12 COURT IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. NOW WITH THAT SAID, WITH THE
13 C.E.O., WE NEED TO WORK HAND IN HAND BOTH AT THE ROUND TABLES
14 AND GET THAT INFORMATION BACK TO THE DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT'S
15 WHAT WE NEED TO DO. AND WITH THE CAPS, SOMETIMES THERE ARE
16 CASES I THINK THAT YOU JUST CAN'T HAVE A CAP BECAUSE THERE ARE
17 GOING TO BE TIMES WHEN SOMEBODY THAT'S A GOOD DRIVER, BEEN
18 DRIVING FOR 30 YEARS, MAKES A LEFT TURN OUT IN THE ANTELOPE
19 VALLEY AND, YOU KNOW, WE LOOK AT IT, AND WHAT TYPE OF CAP ARE
20 YOU GOING TO HAVE FOR THAT. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT. AND SOMETIMES
21 A VERY GOOD SURGEON IS GOING TO NICK AN ARTERY AND IT'S HARD
22 TO HAVE A CAP FOR THAT, SO WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT. WE CAN'T
23 JUST SET THINGS ON AUTOMATIC PILOT AND FLY INTO THE MOUNTAIN.
24 WE HAVE TO ADJUST, WE HAVE TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE AND WE HAVE TO
25 DO THESE THINGS ON A DAILY BASIS. I'M ALSO, WITH CAPS, I HAVE



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1 A CONCERN THAT IF WE DO ONE EVERY TIME, ALL THE TIME, IT GETS
2 TO BE LIKE WHITE NOISE. OUR CAPS SHOULD BE SURGICAL, THEY
3 SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO CORRECT A PROBLEM WHERE WE'RE PAYING
4 MONEY, AND LOTS OF IT, AND WE SHOULD ATTACK THOSE AREAS FIRST.
5 MY OTHER CONCERN WITH CAPS, FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, IS IF
6 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THEM, WE NEED TO PUT THEM IN AND ENFORCE
7 THEM AND MAKE SURE THEY'RE THERE. THERE'S NOTHING WORSE FROM A
8 LEGAL STANDPOINT THAN HAVING A CAP IN PLACE AND NOT FOLLOWING
9 IT BECAUSE THESE CAPS ARE PUBLIC, AND IF WE DON'T FOLLOW THEM,
10 IT CREATES ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS FOR OUR CASES, SO WE HAVE TO BE
11 CAREFUL ON CAPS THAT THEY DON'T BECOME JUST THE STANDARD
12 EVERYDAY HERE'S ANOTHER CAP, HERE'S ANOTHER CASE, HERE'S
13 ANOTHER CAP. WE HAVE TO SELECTIVELY IMPLEMENT OUR CAPS AND
14 MAKE SURE THAT THEY MATTER.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ESTABROOK, I THINK YOU'VE SUMMARIZED VERY
17 CLEARLY WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT AND WHY WE'RE PURSUING IT.
18 CERTAINLY THAT WAS THE CASE IN THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE YEARS
19 FOR SEVEN YEARS, THEY WERE JUST DOING CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, AND
20 YOU NEVER KNEW IF IT WAS IMPLEMENTED ACROSS THE BOARD OR WHAT,
21 AND WHAT, AND EVEN IF THE DISCIPLINE WITH THE RETRAINING WAS
22 JUST FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL OR ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT THERE ARE--
23 AGAIN, IT IS ONLY AS EFFECTIVE AS YOU UTILIZE IT, AS YOU
24 MONITOR IT, AS YOU PERFECT IT, AND THAT YOU TRAIN YOUR PEOPLE
25 HOW TO DO IT. I MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR LAWYERS FOR THE MOST



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1 PART ARE IN AREAS I WANT TO SAY OF INTEREST, BUT AREAS OF
2 RESPONSIBILITY. SO SOMEBODY DOES THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE,
3 SOMEBODY DOES SOME OF THE LAND USE ISSUES, ALL OF THOSE KINDS
4 OF THINGS, AND HOPEFULLY THEY ARE TRAINED TO UNDERSTAND AND
5 REVIEW THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN A WAY THAT THEY UNDERSTAND
6 BASIC OPERATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S TRUE, THERE IS A SURGEON
7 THAT IS GOING TO CUT THROUGH AN ARTERY AT A CERTAIN POINT IN
8 TIME, BUT IF THAT SURGEON ISN'T USING THE APPROPRIATE STANDARD
9 OF CARE, THAT IS A PROBLEM. RIGHT?

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11 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** YES.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT IS-- THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN THE ISSUE.

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15 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** YES.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THAT IS WHERE YOU NEED TO GET BACK TO THAT
18 DEPARTMENT AND SAY, THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE. THERE IS JUST NO WAY
19 THAT YOU CAN EVEN DEFEND ANY ACTION EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE
20 MISTAKES THAT ARE MADE AND ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, WHEN YOU CANNOT--
21 YOU CAN'T EVEN GO TO COURT AND SAY, YOU KNOW-- SO THERE IS
22 THAT LEVEL OF AT LEAST THAT MINIMUM. YOU CAN'T GO IN AND SAY
23 TO THE COURTS, "WELL, YOU KNOW, WE KNOW HE WAS A BAD
24 EMPLOYEE", BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE EVALUATIONS THAT AT LEAST
25 PROGRESSIVELY SAID AT SOME POINT IN TIME HE WASN'T DOING



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1 FOLLOWING OR DOING HIS JOB, IT'S A HARD THING. SO THAT IS THE
2 ISSUE AS TO HOW TO MOVE FORWARD THAT BOTH OF YOU LOOKING AT
3 THIS AND HAVING THE C.E.O. AS WELL TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT
4 THE DEPARTMENTS ARE TRULY IMPLEMENTING THESE CORRECTIVE ACTION
5 PLANS, BECAUSE IT COULD BACKFIRE. THERE COULD BE A LAWYER WHO
6 GOES IN THERE AND SAID, " HERE, WAY BACK IN 2008, THE BOARD
7 ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND HERE IT
8 IS 2015 AND THEY'RE STILL NOT DOING IT." I THINK THAT WOULD
9 MAKE A JURY GO NUTS ABOUT THE REAL BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES THAT
10 WE HAVE, SO IT IS GOING TO BE TRYING TO FIND THAT BALANCE AND
11 TRYING TO FIND THE CAPABILITY OF GETTING PEOPLE TO LOOK AT
12 TRENDING, NOT JUST-- YOU COULD SAY, "OH GOSH, WE'VE PAID MORE
13 MONEY THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE, AND THAT'S A BAD THING", BUT
14 IT ISN'T THAT KIND OF THING. IT IS HOW WERE THESE LAWSUITS--
15 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THESE SWINGS, BUT IF THEY ARE NOT WITHIN
16 A CONTAINED AND CONTROLLED FASHION-- NOT THAT YOU CAN CONTROL
17 EVERY LAWSUIT AND MAKE A DETERMINATION, BUT YOU CAN WALK IN
18 WITH TRAINED INDIVIDUALS WHO KNOW CLEARLY AS THEY SIT AT THESE
19 ROUND TABLES WHAT IS THE MINIMUM STANDARD FROM THE STANDPOINT
20 NOT ONLY OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON THE LITIGATION, WHAT THE
21 COST SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED, WHAT IS THE COST CONTAINMENT
22 ASPECT, BUT ALSO WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTAL
23 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE HERE THAT BRING US UP TO
24 THIS LEVEL. SO WITH THAT IN MIND, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
25 WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE. I MUST TELL YOU THAT MY STAFF, AND I



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1 THANK MY STAFF TREMENDOUSLY WITH MARTY AND VICKY WHO HAVE BEEN
2 DOING A GREAT DEAL OF STUFF WITH THIS, AND I KNOW THEY'VE
3 WORKED CLOSELY WITH YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME ON IT, BUT
4 UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO, IS WE REALLY HAVE TO
5 PERFECT IT. IT DOESN'T MEAN THERE WILL BE EVER BE PERFECTION,
6 I DON'T THINK YOU CAN SAY THERE IS PERFECTION WHEN IT COMES TO
7 A LAWSUIT AT ALL, BUT YOU COULD PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD,
8 AND WITH FINANCES GETTING AS TIGHT AS THEY'RE GOING TO BE, HOW
9 WONDERFUL IT COULD BE THAT WE COULD TAKE THIS ALMOST HALF A
10 BILLION DOLLARS AND SAY WE DON'T HAVE IT, I KNOW IT WON'T
11 HAPPEN, AND PUT IT INTO REAL PROGRAMMING, SO THERE ARE A LOT
12 OF THINGS WE'RE GOING TO DO. I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO
13 READ, AND IT SORT OF DEALS WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES I JUST
14 TALKED ABOUT AND TAKES US TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY.
15 AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT ESTABROOK HAS DONE AND MR.
16 ARMFIELD HAVE DONE. I THINK YOUR REPORTS ARE VERY VALUABLE TO
17 US, BUT I THINK WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO IN THESE AREAS, SO I
18 HAVE THE FOLLOWING MOTION. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REDUCE THE
19 COUNTY'S EXPOSURE TO CLAIMS AND LITIGATION FALLS ON EACH OF
20 US. FROM THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO EACH
21 OF OUR EMPLOYEES, EVERY DOLLAR SPENT IN A LAWSUIT COULD BE
22 BETTER USED TO PAY FOR VITAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND STAFF
23 SUPPORT OF THESE SERVICES. IN THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES,
24 YOU MUST BE EVER MORE VIGILANT OVERSEEING WHAT IS PAID IN
25 SETTLEMENTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES, BY REDUCING THE COST OF



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1 LIABILITY, THE COUNTY WOULD INCREASE ITS BUDGET. HOWEVER, THIS
2 REQUIRES THAT EVERY EMPLOYEE DO HIS OR HER PART TO CHANGE THE
3 CULTURE TO AVOID LEGAL EXPOSURE AND TO REDUCE THE COST OF RISK
4 TO THIS COUNTY. THOSE WHO DRIVE COUNTY CARS SHOULD DRIVE MORE
5 RESPONSIBLY. THOSE WHO ENCOUNTER DANGEROUS CONDITIONS ON
6 ROADWAYS MUST REPORT THEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT AN INJURY AND
7 THOSE CHARGED WITH PROVIDING THE PUBLIC WITH A SERVICE SHOULD
8 FOLLOW ESTABLISHED POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND COMMON SENSE TO
9 AVOID ANY EXPOSURE. IN ADDITION, EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD SHOULD
10 EVALUATE THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND IMPLEMENT CONCRETE
11 STEPS THAT WOULD AVOID EXPOSURE IN THEIR DEPARTMENT. WE SHOULD
12 ENSURE THAT THOSE CHARGED WITH RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE
13 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS ARE APPROPRIATELY CLASSIFIED AND THAT
14 LINE MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS ARE PROPERLY TRAINED ON RISK
15 MANAGEMENT ISSUES FROM PERSONNEL MATTERS TO WORKERS'
16 COMPENSATION. WE MUST ALSO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY, STEP BACK AND
17 LOOK AT THE BROADER PICTURE, EXAMINE TRENDS TO MAKE SYSTEMIC
18 CHANGES, LEARN FROM OUR EXPERIENCES AND BE MUCH MORE PROACTIVE
19 IN OUR APPROACH TO RISK MANAGEMENT. THE LITIGATION AND THE
20 RISK MANAGEMENT REPORTS WE RECEIVE ANNUALLY SHOULD NOT JUST
21 PROVIDE NUMBERS. THEY SHOULD PROVIDE ANALYSIS, STRATEGIES AND
22 RECOMMEND ACTIONS SO THAT WE CAN SAVE MONEY IN THE SHORT TERM
23 AS WELL AS THE LONG TERM. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT, NUMBER ONE,
24 EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD SHALL CREATE M.A.P. GOALS THAT WILL
25 DECREASE RISK IN THEIR DEPARTMENT. TWO, THAT THE C.E.O., THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL DEVELOP
2 TRAINING FOR LINE SUPERVISORS ON PERSONNEL MATTERS INCLUDING
3 PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE DOCUMENTATION, ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER
4 ISSUES. THE C.E.O. TO EVALUATE THE CLASSIFICATION OF RISK
5 MANAGEMENT STAFF IN EACH DEPARTMENT AND DETERMINE WHETHER
6 CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE GIVEN THE LEVEL OF RISK IN EACH AND
7 EVERY DEPARTMENT. THE C.E.O. RISK MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS COUNTY
8 COUNSEL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS APPROPRIATELY CREATE A LEGAL
9 EXPOSURE REDUCTION COMMITTEE THAT SHALL MEET QUARTERLY,
10 ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL COUNTY-WIDE AND DEPARTMENT LEGAL EXPOSURE
11 REDUCTION GOAL, CREATE PROACTIVE COUNTY COUNSEL PROCEDURES TO
12 ADVISE DEPARTMENTS ON VARIOUS METHODS TO REDUCE LEGAL COSTS,
13 CREATE PROCEDURES TO DISCUSS AREAS OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE AND
14 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC STRATEGIES CALCULATED TO
15 PREVENT FUTURE CLAIMS AS WELL AS LAWSUITS, TO PROVIDE UPDATED
16 TRAINING ON NEW CHANGES AND LAWS AND POLICIES FOR EACH
17 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT; ASSESS THE EFFICACY OF
18 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, REVIEW MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY POLICIES, REVIEW LESSONS LEARNED,
20 DISCUSS AREAS OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE AND DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
21 SPECIFIC STRATEGIES CALCULATED TO PREVENT FUTURE CLAIMS AND
22 LAWSUITS AND, OF COURSE, TO REPORT ANNUALLY ON THE PROGRESS OF
23 THESE EFFORTS. SO AGAIN, THIS IS OUR EFFORT IN TRYING TO GET
24 YOU TO BE MUCH MORE COLLABORATIVE BUT ALSO TO CREATE MORE
25 TEETH IN THE WORK THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING, WHICH YOU'RE DOING A



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1 VERY GOOD JOB, BUT WE NEED TO GET BETTER AT IT, AND I THINK WE
2 CAN.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** OBVIOUSLY I AGREE THAT THE REDUCTION OF RISK AND
7 THE M.A.P. GOALS AND ALL THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. I WOULD JUST
8 LIKE MAYBE YOUR INSIGHT AS TO PART OF THIS MOTION, THE ONE
9 PARTICULAR PROBLEM I HAD WAS, DO WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER
10 COMMITTEE, AND IS THE PURPOSE TO FORCE COUNTY COUNSEL TO TALK
11 TO RISK MANAGEMENT ON A REGULAR BASIS OR SUCH-- CERTAINLY SOME
12 OF THESE THINGS SHOULD BE HAPPENING ALREADY. SO I WOULD JUST
13 LIKE TO KNOW WHY YOU FEEL, WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON AND SOME
14 OF THE MAJOR CHANGES WE'VE MADE AND SOME OF THE ANSWERS THAT
15 YOU GOT THIS MORNING TO SOME OF YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, WHY
16 YOU FEEL WE NEED ANOTHER COMMITTEE.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE ASKING ME? I THINK THAT BECAUSE THE
19 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS IS REALLY CRITICAL. WHILE I THINK THERE
20 HAS BEEN SOME COLLABORATIVE PROCESS HERE, THERE IS STILL NOT A
21 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
22 TRAINING AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT SOME OF
23 THESE ISSUES AND SOME OF THESE PAYOUTS THAT WE HAVE, THEY
24 REALLY LEAD TO THE DEPARTMENT REALLY NOT TAKING OWNERSHIP OF
25 SOME OF THESE ISSUES AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS CREATE A



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1 MECHANISM BY WHICH THERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY. IF WE DON'T KNOW
2 THAT, IF WE DON'T KNOW THAT AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE
3 NOT APPRISED OF, THEN WE REALLY DON'T KNOW AS TO WHAT EXTENT
4 SOME OF THESE ISSUES ARE GOING TO GET TO. I THINK THAT THE
5 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS WILL ALLOW THE THREE DEPARTMENTS-- THE
6 THREE TO GET TOGETHER WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN
7 SOME OF THESE AREAS WHERE WE SEE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND
8 HEALTHCARE, WHEN WE SEE SOME OF THESE EMPLOYMENT ISSUES, WHEN
9 WE LOOK AT THE PAYOUT AND YOU SIT THERE AND YOU READ THIS
10 CASE, YOU'RE GOING, "WAIT A MINUTE, THIS SHOULDN'T HAVE
11 HAPPENED." WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DISABILITY CASES WHEN THE LAW
12 IS SO CLEAR, HONESTLY, IT'S SO CLEAR, WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE
13 TO GET THE RIGHT PEOPLE, THE PERSONNEL OFFICERS IN THOSE
14 DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW THE LAW? SO IT'S THESE
15 COLLABORATIVE PROCESSES THAT I THINK ARE GOING TO GET US TO
16 BETTER OUTCOMES BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING THEIR JOBS. THEY ARE
17 DOING THEIR JOBS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TRACKING AND DOING
18 LITIGATION EVALUATIONS, THE SEVERITY INDEX IS GOING A LONG
19 WAY. I THINK THE RISK MANAGERS MAKE AN EFFORT IN THE
20 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, BUT THIS COLLABORATIVE PROCESS, IF IT IS A
21 ONCE A YEAR REPORT THAT WE GET WITH A LOT OF NUMBERS AND IT
22 DOESN'T HAVE AN ONGOING BASIS AS TO HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE
23 IMPLEMENTED, WE'RE STILL GOING TO BE BLIND TO IT. THAT'S IN MY
24 OPINION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKED ABOUT QUALITY BUT IN
4 TERMS OF DEVELOPING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, WHAT ARE YOU
5 DOING TO ENSURE THAT THE PROCESS BEGINS WITH THE NOTIFICATION
6 OF AN INCIDENT AND NOT JUST BEFORE SETTLEMENT IS ABOUT TO COME
7 BEFORE OUR BOARD FOR APPROVAL?

8

9 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** WE HAVE A PROCESS IN PLACE, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH
10 OUR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, SEDGWICK, THAT IF AN INCIDENT
11 OCCURS IN A HOSPITAL, THEY ARE NOTIFIED BY THE HOSPITAL OF
12 THOSE INDENTS. AT THAT POINT, THEY ALSO CONTACT THE SPECIFIC
13 HOSPITAL AND THEY CONTACT RISK MANAGEMENT AND WE BEGIN A
14 DIALOGUE AT THAT PARTICULAR POINT. ALSO MY STAFF IS WORKING ON
15 WHAT WE CALL THE NEVER LIST, THOSE ISSUES THAT SHOULD NEVER
16 OCCUR IN A HOSPITAL. WE'RE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH D.H.S.
17 AND OUR T.P.A. TO IDENTIFY WHEN A SPECIFIC NEVER OCCURRENCE
18 DOES OCCUR AND THEN WE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT AND BEGIN THE
19 DIALOGUE IMMEDIATELY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN TERMS OF PROPER IMPLEMENTATION CORRECT
22 ACTION PLANS, DOES YOUR STAFF CONDUCT ANY FOLLOW UP, AND IF
23 SO, COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE PROCESS AND FREQUENCY?

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1 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** WE MEET WITH DEPARTMENTS SIX MONTHS AFTER
2 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IS APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD. WE SIT DOWN
3 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND ASK THEM TO SHOW US WHERE IN THEIR
4 SPECIFIC TRAINING, WHERE IN THEIR SPECIFIC POLICIES AND
5 PROCEDURES THE SPECIFIC ACTION STEPS OCCUR. ALSO WHEN WE MEET
6 WITH THEM TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
7 ANOTHER DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION, THAT OCCURS ON A
8 QUARTERLY BASIS, ON A ROUTINE BASIS WITH MY STAFF, LOSS
9 PREVENTION AND GENTLEMAN, JOHN STER OF MY STAFF, WHO'S IN
10 CHARGE OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS PROCESSES

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FIND INADEQUACIES IN
13 THOSE FOLLOW UPS?

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15 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** WE REQUIRE THEM TO GET BACK TO US WITH A PLAN
16 TO GET BACK ON TRACK AND TO PROVIDE US WITH A GAME PLAN OF HOW
17 THAT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROCESS IS GOING. WE HAVE-- I DON'T
18 HAVE THE NUMBERS IN FRONT OF ME, BUT WHAT WE HAVE FOUND
19 THROUGH THAT REVIEW IS NEARLY 95 PERCENT OF ALL THE ACTION
20 STEPS THAT THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE COMMITTED TO ARE IN PLACE.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CORRECTIVE ACTION
23 PLANS RESTS ON THE TIMELY AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS OF THE
24 FACTS TO DETERMINE THE ROOT OF THE CAUSE PROBLEM AND
25 DEVELOPMENT AND TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE



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1 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN THE PERIODIC FOLLOW UP TO MEASURES, TO
2 MEASURE THE OUTCOME AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CORPORATE--
3 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, AS A LARGE EMPLOYER, WE'RE BOUND TO
4 HAVE SOME LIABILITY, BUT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MANAGE
5 RESPONSIBLY THE LIABILITY AND MINIMIZE FUTURE EXPOSURE BY
6 USING EACH CASE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT MISTAKES SO THAT
7 WE DON'T PAY OUT THE SAME MISTAKES OVER AND OVER AGAIN, WHICH
8 WE'VE BEEN DOING PREVIOUSLY. SO I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
9 GOALS OF THIS MOTION, BUT WANT SOME CLARIFICATION ON ITEM 4
10 WHICH CREATES AN ADDITIONAL BODY TO HELP REDUCE COSTS AND
11 MANAGE RISK. SO THESE ARE PART OF MY EXPECTATIONS OF
12 LITIGATION AND COST MANAGER AND THE RISK MANAGER TO DO. BASED
13 ON THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE CAN ENHANCE THEIR
14 PERFORMANCE IN THOSE AREAS BEFORE OPERATING OR CREATING
15 ANOTHER COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD LIKELY CONSIST OF THE SAME STAFF
16 ANYWAY, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE HAD MENTIONED.

17

18 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES TO THE COMMITTEE IS THE
19 WORDS "OTHER DEPARTMENTS." COLLABORATION BETWEEN C.E.O., RISK
20 MANAGEMENT AND COUNTY COUNSEL'S ALREADY ESTABLISHED. WHAT THIS
21 WOULD PUT TOGETHER AS MORE OF A FRAMEWORK ON A SCHEDULED AND
22 ROUTINE BASIS TO BRING DEPARTMENT HEADS OR ACTUALLY ASK
23 DEPARTMENT HEADS TO COMMIT THEIR RISK MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
24 STRUCTURES TO THE REDUCTION OF THAT LOSS. I REALLY DO LIKE THE
25 COMMITTEE'S APPROACH, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT'S CALLED INTO BEING



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1 WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED WITH IT. I THINK THAT'S A VERY
2 POSITIVE ASPECT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY IS IT OUTSIDE THEIR ALREADY ESTABLISHED
5 RESPONSIBILITIES?

6

7 **ROCKY ARMFIELD:** IN SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS, THERE IS TURNOVER.
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA MENTIONED THAT EARLIER. WHAT I'M
9 ENVISIONING, AND I WOULD HAVE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE
10 SUPERVISOR'S STAFF TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS
11 ARE, BUT WHAT I'M THINKING IS THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO BE
12 TALKING ABOUT THE RISK MANAGER AND THE LITIGATION COST
13 MANAGER, I'M THINKING THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE, FOR
14 EXAMPLE, THE DEPUTIES OF THE SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED,
15 NOT JUST THE RISK MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS, SO IT ACTUALLY
16 WOULD ELEVATE THIS EFFORT IN THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION TO--
19 REGARDING ITEM 4 THAT WE WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY
20 COUNSEL TO GIVE US A JOINT RESPONSE TO THIS ITEM AS TO WHAT
21 THEY ARE OR WILL BE DOING ON EACH OF THESE ITEMS LISTED IN TWO
22 WEEKS, INCLUDING THE OUTCOMES WE CAN EXPECT IN THESE AREAS
23 NEXT YEAR.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY. NO PROBLEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE AMENDMENT IS ACCEPTED. MOVED BY MOLINA,
5 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THREE AND ALSO ON THE REPORTS, IF WE
8 COULD JUST RECEIVE AND FILE, ALL OF THE REPORTS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS WE'VE
11 RECEIVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. AND THAT'S ON 65.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 65, 66 AND 67.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE HAVE ONE REMAINING
16 ITEM LEFT?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEM IS 69, AND I'LL READ THE
19 SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
20 QUALIFICATION OF MISS GAIL FARBER FOR THE POSITION OF ROAD
21 COMMISSIONER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1,
22 2008, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF 230,000.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** C.E.O., I SUPPOSE, SHOULD BE-- 69--

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** DID YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING 69? WE
2 HAVE THE CANDIDATE HERE, IF YOU'D LIKE FOR HER TO COME
3 FORWARD. OTHERWISE-- WOULD YOU LIKE HER TO COME FORWARD? WE'RE
4 JOINED BY GAIL FARBER, WHO IS THE CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY QUESTIONS GO BACK TO THE COMMENT I HAD
7 RAISED EARLIER IN EXECUTIVE SESSION UPON THE QUALIFICATIONS
8 THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED SINCE THE CONSOLIDATION OF SEPARATE
9 AGENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. MR. FUJIOKA, ISN'T
10 IT TRUE THAT ALL OF OUR PREVIOUS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS AND
11 THE CURRENT ACTING DIRECTOR HAVE HAD A LICENSE THAT ENABLED
12 THEM TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF A SURVEYOR?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT IN 1982, AND WE'RE
15 GOING TO ASK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO CHIME IN ON THIS ONE, THE
16 REQUIREMENTS WERE CHANGED IN THOSE WHO HAVE THE CIVIL
17 ENGINEERING LICENSE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST OF '82 WERE
18 GRANDFATHERED IN, WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO PERFORM THOSE
19 PARTICULAR DUTIES. THOSE WHO RECEIVE THEIR LICENSE HERE, SUCH
20 AS MISS FARBER SUBSEQUENT TO 1982, ARE ALLOWED TO STILL RUN A
21 DEPARTMENT LIKE OURS, AND I HAVE RAY WHO CAN SPEAK TO THE
22 SPECIFIC STATUTE. HE CAN COMMENT ON THAT.

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
25 AS INDICATED, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT BECAME A CONSOLIDATED



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1 OFFICE, BY LAW, THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE OFFICE WERE GOVERNED
2 BY COUNTY CHARTER REQUIRES THE DIRECTOR TO BE A LICENSED CIVIL
3 ENGINEER, AND FOR A PERSON TO HOLD THE CONSOLIDATED OFFICE,
4 THE BOARD MUST FIND THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT CAPABLE STAFF
5 WITHIN THE CONSOLIDATED DEPARTMENTS TO PERFORM THE VARIOUS
6 DUTIES SUCH AS LAND SURVEYING AND SO ON. THIS HEARING IS
7 BASICALLY TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO
8 LICENSING AS A CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE ROAD COMMISSIONER
9 POSITION AND THEN APPOINTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WOULD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO FIND
11 THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT STAFF WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO
12 ADEQUATELY PERFORM THE DUTIES FOR WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF THE
13 CONSOLIDATED DEPARTMENT IS NOT LICENSED, AND THAT WOULD BE
14 PRINCIPALLY LAND SURVEYOR.

15
16 **SUP. KNABE:** PREVIOUS DIRECTORS, HAVE THEY ALL BEEN LICENSED
17 SURVEYORS?

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19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS THAT IS THE
20 CASE.

21
22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THEY WEREN'T LICENSED SURVEYORS, BUT BECAUSE A
23 CIVIL ENGINEERING LICENSE WAS OBTAINED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST OF
24 1982, THEY WERE GRANDFATHERED IN AND THEY WERE ALLOWED TO
25 PERFORM THAT FUNCTION. IN THIS PARTICULAR EXAMINATION, WITH



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1 THE EXCEPTION OF ONE CANDIDATE WHO MOVED FORWARD AT LEAST THE
2 FIRST STEP IN THIS PROCESS, BECAUSE HIS CIVIL ENGINEERING
3 LICENSE WAS OBTAINED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST OF '82, ALL THE
4 OTHER CANDIDATES RECEIVED THEIR CIVIL ENGINEERING LICENSE
5 SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 1982, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE DO NOT HAVE
6 THAT CERTIFICATION. BUT THIS FUNCTION CAN BE PERFORMED BASED
7 ON THE STATUTE THAT RAY JUST READ TO THIS BOARD.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT SINCE THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
10 ACTS THE SURVEYOR, WHY DIDN'T REQUIRE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
11 HAVE A SURVEYOR'S LICENSE PRIOR TO APPLYING?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AGAIN, EVEN THE ACTING PERSON, I BELIEVE HE
14 MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS BECAUSE OF THE GRANDFATHERING CLAUSE
15 AND DOESN'T HAVE THAT SPECIFIC LICENSE. THOSE WHO HAVE THIS
16 CIVIL ENGINEERING LICENSE AFTER '82 DO NOT. WE WOULD
17 EFFECTIVELY HAVE ELIMINATED A HUGE PORTION OR A SUBSTANTIAL
18 PORTION OF THE CANDIDATE POOL. A DETERMINATION IS MADE BECAUSE
19 THE STATUTE PROVIDES FOR, UNDER OUR CONSOLIDATED PROGRAM LIKE
20 OURS, FOR SOMEONE IN THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THOSE CREDENTIALS,
21 WE FELT THAT WE CAN GO FORWARD AND FIND A MANAGER FOR THIS
22 DEPARTMENT AND NOT RESTRICT US TO SOMEONE WHO HAS THE
23 CERTIFICATION BECAUSE THE FUNCTION CAN BE HANDLED IN A
24 DIFFERENT MANNER.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THAT WAS A DECISION THAT WAS MADE NOT
2 BASED UPON LAW BUT BASED UPON A POLITICAL DECISION THAT YOU OR
3 WHOMEVER THOUGHT THAT THAT QUALIFICATION WAS NOT NECESSARY AND
4 THERE ARE GOVERNMENT CODES AS WELL AS THE BUSINESS PROFESSIONS
5 CODE THAT IDENTIFY WHO CAN SERVE AS A SURVEYOR. IN FORMULATING
6 YOUR OPINION ON THIS ISSUE, DIDN'T ANY OF YOUR ATTORNEYS
7 CONSULT WITH THE STATE?

8

9 **RAYMOND FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH, THE STATUTE IN QUESTION THAT PROVIDES FOR THE
11 CONSOLIDATED OFFICE DOES NOT ALLOW THE PERSON WHO WAS
12 APPOINTED TO HEAD THE CONSOLIDATED OFFICE TO PERFORM THE
13 DUTIES OF LAND SURVEYOR, BUT THERE MUST BE PERSONNEL WITHIN
14 THE DEPARTMENT THAT CAN PROVIDE THAT DUTY. A DIRECTOR DOES NOT
15 NEED TO PERSONALLY HAVE THE LAND SURVEYOR LICENSE HIMSELF OR
16 HERSELF.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECTION 8751 OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSION
19 CODE STATES PROHIBITION AGAINST MISREPRESENTING SELF AS
20 LICENSE HOLDER. I'M QUOTING, "NO PERSON SHALL REPRESENT
21 HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS USE OR USE THE TITLE OF OR ANY
22 ABBREVIATION OR COMBINATION OF THE WORDS IN THE TITLE
23 PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR, LAND
24 SURVEYOR, LAND SURVEY ENGINEER, SURVEY ENGINEER, TECH
25 ENGINEER, GEOMADICS ENGINEER OR GEOMETRONIC ENGINEER UNLESS HE



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1 OR SHE IS THE HOLDER OF A VALID, UNSUSPENDED AND UNREVOKED
2 LICENSE." SECTION 24306, THE LAW SAYS "COUNTIES-- BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS AND COUNTIES HAVING A POPULATION OF FOUR MILLION
4 OR MORE PERSONS CONSOLIDATES TWO OR MORE OFFICES PURSUANT TO
5 STATUTE OR CHARTER, THE OCCUPANT OF THE CONSOLIDATED OFFICE
6 NEED NOT POSSESS ANY OF THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF THE
7 OCCUPANT OF ANY OF THE SEPARATE OFFICES WHICH ARE CONSOLIDATED
8 IF, A, NO QUALIFICATION APPLIES TO ALL OF THE OFFICES
9 CONSOLIDATED AND, B, THE BOARD FINDS SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL
10 POSSESSING THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED ARE EMPLOYED IN THE
11 CONSOLIDATED OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT DECISIONS MADE BY THE
12 OCCUPANT OF THE OFFICE ARE BASED UPON COMPETENT, PROFESSIONAL
13 ADVICE." THEN IT STATES, AND THIS WAS NOT IN YOUR OPINION THAT
14 YOU GAVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, QUOTING AGAIN FROM SECTION
15 24306, "THIS SECTION DOES NOT PERMIT THE OCCUPANT OF SUCH
16 CONSOLIDATED OFFICE TO PRACTICE ANY PROFESSION OR TRADE FOR
17 THE PRACTICE AT WHICH A LICENSED PERMIT OR REGISTRATION IS
18 REQUIRED WITHOUT SUCH LICENSE, PERMIT OR REGISTRATION."

19
20 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WHAT YOU HAVE STATED IS ABSOLUTELY
21 CORRECT AND IS THE LAW AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CANNOT
22 HOLD HIMSELF OR HERSELF OUT TO BE A LAND SURVEYOR OR DESIGN
23 DOCUMENTS AS A LAND SURVEYOR.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE CHARTER REQUIRES THAT THE DIRECTOR
2 HOLD-- BE A LAND SURVEYOR. LICENSED SURVEYOR.

3

4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT REQUIRES-- THE LAND SURVEYOR IS
5 CONSOLIDATED WITH THE POSITION, IS KNOWN AS THE POSITION OF
6 COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE REQUIREMENT IS THAT THE COUNTY
7 ENGINEER BE A REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT DOESN'T SAY THAT IN SECTION 24306 WHEN
10 YOU READ THE ENTIRE CODE. YOU ONLY GAVE AN ABBREVIATION OF
11 THIS CODE WHEN YOU GAVE THE OPINION TO THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS. YOU DIDN'T QUOTE THE WHOLE CODE.

13

14 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE REMAINING SECTION OF THE SENTENCE
15 YOU QUOTED THAT SAYS IT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE PERSON TO HOLD
16 THEMSELVES OUT AS HAVING THAT TITLE, THAT IS ABSOLUTELY TRUE,
17 BUT AS LONG AS-- [OVERLAPPING CONVERSATION.]

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** BUT THE DIRECTOR WILL NOT HOLD
20 HIMSELF OR HERSELF OUT AS A LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR. THEY ARE
21 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHICH IS A CONSOLIDATED OFFICE
22 IN THIS COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DOES NOT THE COUNTY CHARTER REQUIRE THAT?

25



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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE COUNTY CHARTER REQUIRES ONLY THAT
2 THE COUNTY, ENGINEER CONSOLIDATE AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
3 BE A LICENSED-- REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO IS THE COUNTY SURVEYOR, THEN?

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** COUNTY-- THERE IS NO OFFICE KNOWN
8 SPECIFICALLY AS COUNTY SURVEYOR. THE OFFICE IN OUR COUNTY IS
9 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND IT IS A CONSOLIDATED--

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. HENRY IS COMING UP THERE. MAYBE HE CAN GIVE
12 US--

13

14 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD, THERE ARE 11 INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
16 WORKS THAT HAVE THE LAND SURVEYOR LICENSE. THE HIGHEST LEVEL
17 PERSON IS ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS THAT CARRY
18 THAT LICENSE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DOES THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TODAY
21 HAVE SUCH A LICENSE?

22

23 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** THE ACTING DIRECTOR?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.



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2 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE ACTING DIRECTOR DOES
3 NOT HAVE LAND SURVEYOR LICENSE. THE ACTING DIRECTOR WAS
4 GRANDFATHERED IN.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEN HE HAS THE LICENSE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF HE'S GRANDFATHERED IN THEN HE HAS THE
11 LICENSE.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** HE'S GRANDFATHERED IN A FUNCTION, BUT HE
14 DOESN'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC LICENSE. IN FACT, ALL THE
15 CANDIDATES--

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE LAW ALLOWS HIM TO OCCUPY THAT-- (OFF-
18 MIC.)

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE WE SHOULD LET HIM FINISH. I THOUGHT
21 WHAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO SAY IS HE'S GRANDFATHERED UNDER A
22 PROVISION THAT--

23

24 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** IN 1992 THAT ALLOWED HIM TO BE THE PUBLIC
25 WORKS DIRECTOR WITHOUT HAVING THE LICENSURE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER LAW PASSED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO BE APPLICABLE TO ANOTHER PERSON.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO. THE CURRENT LAW-- AS RAY MENTIONED, THE
9 CURRENT LAW PROVIDES FOR THIS FUNCTION TO BE PERFORMED WITHIN
10 THE-- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO
11 IS ACTUALLY APPOINTED TO THE POSITION DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE
12 TO HAVE THAT CERTIFICATION FOR THIS FUNCTION TO BE PERFORMED
13 LEGALLY IN OUR COUNTY. WE'VE WORKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WE'VE
14 LOOKED AT THIS, THIS IS NOT A PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION THAT
15 WOULD PREVENT US FROM APPOINTING THIS CANDIDATE. WE HAVE, AS I
16 MENTIONED, IF IT WAS, THEN THERE'S NOT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
17 THE GRANDFATHERING ISSUE FOR ONE CANDIDATE, EVERY OTHER
18 CANDIDATE WHO APPLIED FOR THIS POSITION DOES NOT POSSESS THE
19 LAND SURVEYOR LICENSE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAD YOU PUT THAT IN THE REQUIREMENT WHEN
22 APPLICANTS APPLIED, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE FOUND PEOPLE THAT DID
23 HAVE SUCH A QUALIFICATION.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF IT, IN FACT, WAS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED. GIVEN
2 THAT THE STATUTE PROVIDES FOR SOMEONE TO FUNCTION AS A
3 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IF THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE
4 DEPARTMENT WHO POSSESS THAT LICENSE TO ACTUALLY SIGN OFF ON
5 THE FORMS, THEN THAT'S FINE. I DON'T BELIEVE PUTTING THAT
6 LICENSE IN THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN
7 MORE CANDIDATES. IN FACT, IT WOULD HAVE HAD THE OPPOSITE
8 EFFECT, IT COULD HAVE RESULTED IN LESS CANDIDATES. SO WE WOULD
9 NOT PUT A REQUIREMENT IN THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS THAT IS NOT
10 LEGALLY REQUIRED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU'RE MAKING AN ASSUMPTION INTO A FACT
13 BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW YOU COULD HAVE HAD THAT, AND DID YOU
14 GET OUTSIDE LEGAL OPINION AS TO THAT COURSE OF ACTION THAT YOU
15 WERE TAKING? >**C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS FAR AS THE APPLICABILITY OF
16 THIS -- OR LEGAL INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUTE?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, IT APPEARS TO BE FAIRLY
21 STRAIGHTFORWARD, AND SO WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE AN
22 INDIVIDUAL IS FULLY QUALIFIED AND THROUGH THE READING OF THIS
23 STATUTE, AS LONG AS THERE ARE FOLKS WHO HAVE THAT LICENSE
24 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY IS NOT EXPOSED. WE CAN
25 LEGALLY STILL PERFORM THAT FUNCTION AND THIS INDIVIDUAL CAN



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1 ASSUME THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND BE APPOINTED TO THE
2 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS POSITION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S INTERPRETATION OF
5 THE LAW IS INACCURATE, THEN WE WOULD BE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE
6 AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME IF YOU'RE GOING TO WAIVE REQUIREMENTS
7 ARBITRARILY, YOU WOULD ALSO SEEK AN OPINION FROM THE ATTORNEY
8 GENERAL, OUTSIDE OPINION AS TO IS THIS LEGAL, AS YOU'RE
9 LOOKING AT POTENTIAL LIABILITY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WE JUST DID IT WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE WAS GRANDFATHERED IN.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT NOT-- HE DIDN'T HAVE THE SURVEYOR'S LICENSE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M JUST SAYING WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WAS THERE ANY CANDIDATE THAT HAD THE SURVEYOR'S
20 LICENSE?

21

22 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** NO.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T THINK SO.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WERE THERE ANY WHO WERE GRANDFATHERED IN?

2

3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONLY THE ACTING PERSON RECEIVED HIS LICENSE

4 PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST, CIVIL ENGINEER, SO HE WAS GRANDFATHERED

5 IN.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THE ANSWER IS?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONE WAS GRANDFATHERED IN, BUT STILL HE DOES

10 NOT POSSESS THE ACTUAL LICENSE. HE'S ABLE TO PERFORM THE

11 FUNCTION BECAUSE OF THE GRANDFATHERING PROCESS. THE LICENSE

12 ITSELF IS NOT POSSESSED.

13

14 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY

17 YAROSLAVSKY. ANY OBJECTION?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSTAIN.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYBE WE COULD-- CONGRATULATIONS. MAYBE WE COULD
2 HEAR THE VOICE OF OUR NEW DIRECTOR. [LAUGHTER.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULD BE NICE.

5

6 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M GAIL FARBER. IT'S A
7 PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY. LOOK FORWARD TO COMING
8 ON BOARD AND SERVING YOU AND THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO
12 READ IN.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HELLO? MISS FARBER? BILL? WHEN IS-- DO WE
17 HAVE A DATE WHEN MISS FARBER IS STARTING?

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DECEMBER 1 WAS POSTED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I HAVE A MOTION MY STAFF WILL PASS
24 OUT. AS THE COUNTY PREPARES TO MOVE INTO L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.
25 REPLACEMENT FACILITY THIS WEEK, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE



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1 HOSPITAL STAFF AND THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL
2 TRANSITION. A SMOOTH TRANSITION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE
3 WITHOUT THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. EMPLOYEES WHO HAD EVERY SINGLE
4 LEVEL HAVE CHALLENGED THEIR PRACTICES, IMPROVED THEIR
5 EFFICIENCY AND PLANNED FOR THE TRANSITION WHILE MAINTAINING AN
6 EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL OF CARE THAT'S THE HALLMARK OF L.A. COUNTY
7 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO MOVE IN THIS
8 FRIDAY. YET EVEN AS WE RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE STAFF
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE FIRST YOUR OF ANY
10 TRANSITION IS A DIFFICULT ONE. MORE SO IN A FALTERING ECONOMY
11 WHERE MORE AND MORE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY HAVE LOST THEIR
12 HEALTHCARE AND WILL BE TURNING TO THE COUNTY FOR ASSISTANCE.
13 AS THE BOARD KNOWS, WE TRANSITION INTO THE NEW MEDICAL CENTER
14 AT CAPACITY. ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PATIENT POPULATION
15 COULD OVERWHELM OUR CAPACITY TO UNSAFE LEVELS. THROUGHOUT THIS
16 TRANSITION AND BEYOND, IT'S BEEN MY GOAL TO ENSURE THE SAFETY
17 OF OUR PATIENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AT THE MEDICAL
18 CENTER, TO THIS END WE OWE IT TO PATIENTS AND TO STAFF TO
19 CAREFULLY MONITOR KEY INDICATORS OF PROGRESS TO ENSURE THAT WE
20 ARE MAINTAINING THE SAME LEVEL OF EXCEPTIONAL CARE AT THE NEW
21 FACILITY AND DETERMINE WHERE AND IN WHAT AREAS HELP AND
22 ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED FROM THE BOARD. I THEREFORE MOVE THE
23 DEPARTMENT HEALTH SERVICES AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
24 PROVIDE A BIMONTHLY WRITTEN REPORT TO THIS BOARD TO INCLUDE
25 THE FOLLOWING. TRENDS IN AVERAGING DAILY CENSUS AND WHATEVER



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1 ITS STAFF HAS TAKEN TO MEET THE TARGET CENSUS LEVELS INCLUDING
2 EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN HOSPITAL OPERATIONS AT 95 PERCENT
3 UTILIZATION. SECONDLY, TRENDS IN KEY EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
4 INDICATORS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AVERAGE E.D. WAIT
5 TIMES FROM TRIAGE TO DISCHARGE OR ADMISSIONS, TRENDS IN THE
6 E.D., OVERCROWDING AND THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO LEAVE
7 WITHOUT BEING SEEN. THREE, TRENDS RELATED TO THE NUMBER, TYPE
8 AND REASON FOR PATIENT DIVERSION AND TRANSFERS. FOUR, THE
9 STATUS ON EFFORTS TO TRANSFER PATIENTS FROM L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.
10 TO RANCHO, INCLUDING WHETHER TRANSFERS ARE ORIGINATING FROM
11 E.D. OR IN-PATIENT BEDS AND HOW MANY PATIENTS ARE REFUSING TO
12 TRANSFER. FINALLY, FIVE, THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO MEET ALL
13 INDICATORS INCLUDING THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY AND THE
14 EMERGENCY BOARDING TIME. SIX, THE STATUS OF THE MONITORING KEY
15 OPERATIONAL METRICS FOR THE PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT AS OUTLINED
16 IN THE SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2008 MEMO TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
17 FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND FINALLY I MOVE THAT THE D.H.S.
18 C.E.O. PROVIDE A PUBLIC UPDATE AND REPORT TO THE BOARD ON
19 THESE INDICATORS, HOSPITAL OPERATIONS STATUS AND ANY OTHER
20 ISSUES RELATING TO THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW COUNTY MEDICAL
21 CENTER AS A WEEKLY SET ITEM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER THE 12TH. WE
22 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, THIS HOSPITAL IS JUST AMAZING, I DON'T
23 KNOW IF YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO SEE IT, AND THERE ARE
24 VARIOUS ASPECTS OF IT THAT ARE JUST OUTSTANDING, YET AT THE
25 SAME TIME THE ONLY ISSUE IS AS TO WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO BE



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1 ABLE TO MEET OUR FULL UTILIZATION RATE WHICH IS QUITE UNIQUE.
2 I THINK THAT THE STAFF DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN PREPARING FOR
3 THE C.M.S. REVIEW, THE FINAL REVIEW. THEY'VE PASSED IT WITH
4 NOT ONLY FLYING COLORS, THEY MET ALL OF THE STANDARDS THAT
5 THEY WERE TO MEET AND BEYOND, AND SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
6 THERE ARE ISSUES-- THIS IS A MAJOR TRANSITION, THEY START THIS
7 FRIDAY, WE HOPE IT'S GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL, IT LOOKS LIKE IT
8 IS. THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY HAS IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY, BUT
9 ALL OF IT IS MAKING SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING TO HUM AND
10 WORK, AND THE ONLY WAY WE WILL KNOW, OTHER THAN, YOU KNOW,
11 HEARING ABOUT IT IN THE PRESS, IS BY HAVING A REGULAR
12 REPORTING MECHANISM TO THIS BOARD, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
13 REPORTS. AND FROM ALL WORK THAT IS BEING DONE, IT LOOKS LIKE
14 THEY SHOULD BE ON SCHEDULE AND THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH WHAT
15 THEY'RE DEALING WITH NOW. THE ONLY THING WILL BE IF THERE'S
16 ANY UNFORESEEN POTENTIAL OUT THERE OF MAKING THIS ESCALATE AND
17 CERTAINLY THE ECONOMY IS ONE OF THOSE FACTORS.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, ON THIS MOTION, I FULLY SUPPORT.
20 ITEM 4, THOUGH, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE ON THAT WHOLE RANCHO
21 EFFORT THAT THEY CONTINUE TO USE THE SCREEN PROCESS. IT'S BEEN
22 WORKING VERY WELL OUT THERE AND NOT BECOME SORT OF A GROUND
23 SORT OF DUMP FOR PATIENTS, SO I JUST CLARIFY THAT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WITH THAT CLARIFICATION, I WOULD SAY
2 THAT I WAS VERY, VERY IMPRESSED. I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE
3 HOSPITAL. THE QUALITY OF JUST THE TECHNICAL AND--

4
5 **SUP. KNABE:** STATE-OF-THE-ART.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTE STATE-OF-THE-ART. AND THE DESIGN
8 IS VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE ABILITY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE
9 FOR PATIENTS TO GO THROUGH THERE. WE NEED THAT IN OTHER
10 FACILITIES.

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12 **SPEAKER:** SO TRUE.

13
14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. SO WITH THAT, MOVED BY MOLINA,
15 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

18
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. DAMIEN GOODMAN,
24 ARNOLD SACHS, LEONARD ROSE AND ABBY OVITSKY, PLEASE COME



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1 FORWARD, THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM WILL SHERMAN. PLEASE STATE YOUR
2 NAME.

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4 **DAMIEN GOODMON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR. DAMIEN GOODMON,
5 REPRESENTING THE CITIZENS CAMPAIGN TO FIX THE EXPO RAIL LINE.
6 ON THE M.T.A.'S BLUE LINE WHICH HAS OVER 821 ACCIDENTS AND 90
7 DEATHS, IS THE DEADLIEST, MOST ACCIDENT LIGHT RAIL LINE IN THE
8 COUNTRY. 92 PERCENT OF ALL VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS AND 76 PERCENT
9 OF ACCIDENTS OCCUR AT CROSSINGS WITH NO GATES. IT'S A FACT
10 THAT ROAD SAFETY EXPERTS HAVE POINTED OUT WHEN THEY HAVE TOLD
11 YOU THAT YOU'RE BUILDING ANOTHER BLUE LINE WITH THE EXPO LINE,
12 SO FOR THAT REASON, WE AT FIX EXPO COMMEND SUPERVISOR MOLINA
13 FOR A MOTION AT THE OCTOBER M.T.A. BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN THE
14 INTER PROCESS THAT WOULD EXPLORE SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS ON THE
15 EAST SIDE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION. THE EAST SIDE HAS BEEN FORCED
16 TO ACCEPT PRIMARILY STREET LEVEL LIGHT RAIL LINE THAT IS
17 DISRUPTIVE, WILL BE INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS AND MISS AS MANY
18 MAJOR ACTIVITY CENTERS BECAUSE M.T.A. VOTED TO TAKE AWAY A RED
19 LINE EASTERN SUBWAY EXTENSION FROM EAST L.A. COMMUNITIES. IT
20 WAS A RELUCTANT PRODUCT OF M.T.A. REFORM THAT ALSO INCLUDED
21 THE CANCELATION OF THE RED LINE SUBWAY TO THE SEA. WILSHIRE
22 WAS TO GET A BUS WAY AND THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN L.A. AND SANTA
23 MONICA WAS TO BE THE LINE PRIMARILY RUNNING AT STREET LEVEL
24 THROUGH LOS ANGELES. NOW THAT IT APPEARS THAT A RED LINE
25 SUBWAY EXTENSION TO THE WEST WILL BE FUNDED BY SALES TAX



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1 INCREASE WHICH WILL HURT THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF EAST
2 L.A. AND SOUTH L.A. THE MOST. I SAY ALL THIS BECAUSE I SIMPLY
3 WANT TO RECOMMEND TO YOU SUPERVISORS TO KEEP HISTORY IN MIND
4 AND BE BEGIN TO EXPLORE THE IMPLICATIONS, THE PAST DECISIONS
5 WILL MAKE ON FUTURE DECISIONS. STEP GINGERLY. WHEN PRESENTED
6 SOLUTIONS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO IMPROVE THE EXPO LIGHT
7 RAIL LINE AND TRANSPORTATION ON THE EAST SIDE, TAKE THESE
8 PROPOSALS SERIOUSLY. IN THE CASE OF THE EXPO LINE, ONE SUCH
9 OPPORTUNITY SEEMS TO BE ON THE HORIZON DUE TO OUR HARD WORK IN
10 THE COMMUNITY. ON OCTOBER 22ND, THE C.P.U.C. JUDGE RECOMMENDED
11 THE FULL COMMISSION REJECT THE UNSAFE PLAN NEAR FAUCHET
12 LEARNING CENTER AND M.T.A.'S UNSAFE PLAN NEAR DORSEY HIGH
13 SCHOOL. MADAME CHAIR, TWO HEARINGS WENT INTO HEARING TWO
14 HEARINGS TWO-- FORGIVE ME. TWO CROSSINGS WENT INTO HEARINGS,
15 TWO CROSSINGS WERE REJECTED AS THE EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS
16 REVEALED, THE EVIDENCE USED BY M.T.A. AND EXPO TO SUPPORT
17 THEIR ASSERTIONS THAT THEY'RE BUILDING A SAFE PROJECT IS BOTH
18 UNFOUNDED AND IS BEING MANIPULATED. MADAME CHAIR, AS YOU AND
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY KNOW, WE'VE GONE TO EACH EXPO BOARD
20 MEETING SINCE STATE PROPOSITION 1-B WAS PASSED TO REQUEST THAT
21 RESOURCE BE USED TO ADD GRADE SEPARATION IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES,
22 ONLY TO BE IGNORED. WE HOPE THAT WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE SALES
23 TAX INCREASE THAT WILL HIT THE WORKING FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES
24 OF SOUTH L.A. THE MOST THAT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL SEE THE
25 PASSAGE OF THIS SALES TAX AS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY OF MANY



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1 OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY, COMMUNITY
2 AND JUSTICE, IN THE PROCESS MAKE THE EXPO LINE A GOOD, SAFE
3 NEIGHBOR AND A PRODUCTIVE ASSET TO THE REGION. THANK YOU,
4 MADAME CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

7

8 **LEONARD ROSE:** MY NAME IS LEONARD ROSE. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT
9 THE PROPOSITION 8 PASSED LAST NIGHT. I WATCH THE NEWS EVERY
10 NIGHT, THINKING IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON THE NEWS. WE DON'T
11 WANT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE TO TEACH OUR KIDS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL,
12 BUT ALL THE CHURCHES, CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CHURCH OF JESUS
13 CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS AND ALL THE PARENTS VOTE "YES" AND
14 I'VE BEEN ON CHANNEL 35 ON L.A. CITY HALL AND LET THE VOICE BE
15 HEARD, AND WITH THAT, CITY COUNCIL PUT IT ALL TOGETHER, GOT
16 TEACHERS-- SAW TEACHER THE SPIRIT TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE END
17 TIMES WILL COME, THERE WILL BE EARTHQUAKES, TORNADOES,
18 HURRICANES ALL OVER THIS WAR AND THIS ENTIRE CRIME WILL RISING
19 UP. I KNOW CRIME IS DROPPING DOWN, BUT WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS
20 ON THE TIME, SOMEBODY GETTING KILLED, HOMELESS PEOPLE GETTING
21 KILLED AND ALL THAT TIME I WATCH THE NEWS AND BAD THINGS
22 HAPPENING EVERY TIME, AND BARACK OBAMA, YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT OF
23 THE UNITED STATES, HAS SAID HE'D HELP THE ECONOMY TO GET BACK
24 TO NORMAL AND HE'S GOING TO BRING OUR TROOPS BACK HOME IN THE
25 NEXT COUPLE YEARS, HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY. AND GLORIA MOLINA,



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1 I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THIS TO GLORIA MOLINA, OUR COMMUNITY
2 CENTER IS GOING TO BE OPEN 22ND, 10:30, LEARNING OF _____
3 SISTER COMMUNITY CENTER. THERE'S GOING TO BE LOTS OF PLACE TO
4 PARK. IT'S GOING TO BE OPENING. YOU'RE INVITE TO INVITED TO
5 COME WHEN THEY OPEN THAT COMMUNITY CENTER. I ORDER THE "SIN
6 CITY: THE GREAT ESCAPE BOOK," YOU KNOW. I ORDERED 75 BOOKS TO
7 GIVE LEADERS AT CITY HALL. SIN CITY, ABOUT THIS GUY IS GAY, HE
8 FINDS JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR. THE GREAT ESCAPE MEANS THE
9 TRIBULATION, THE ANTICHRIST, THE RAPTURE AND OF WORLD WAR III,
10 THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN IN TIME. SO WE HAVE TO GET PREPARED
11 FOR IT BECAUSE A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE IS GOING TO COME SOON, SO WE
12 HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR IT. BECAUSE I WATCHED CHANNEL 58 HAS
13 SANTA ANA FAULT LINE IS VERY DANGEROUS, IT'S RIGHT AT THE
14 OCEAN. I WATCHED CHANNEL 58 LAST WEEK, YOU KNOW HOW THIS GUY
15 EXPLAINED THE SANTA ANA FAULT, AND I HAVE A VISION IN
16 ARKANSAS, IT COULD CRACK OPEN AND SPREAD WIDE AND GO TO THE
17 OCEAN. I GREW UP IN 1970 AND LEARNED THAT. I KNOW A COUPLE OF
18 MY FRIEND, MY CHURCH FRIENDS LEARNED THAT IT CRACKS OPEN, IT
19 COULD SLIDE RIGHT DOWN THE OCEAN. I HAD A DREAM ABOUT THAT AND
20 I HAVE A NIGHTMARE WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER, A DREAM ABOUT THAT,
21 TOO, AND IF THAT'S TRUE, YOU'RE GOING TO SEE ON THE NEWS.
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SHERMAN, WOULD YOU
25 PLEASE COME FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. MR. SACHS.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. I, TOO,
3 AM, AGAIN, AMAZED AT THE ACTIONS BY THE M.T.A. BOARD, WHICH
4 THE FIVE SUPERVISORS ALL SIT REGARDING MEASURE R AND FUNDING
5 FOR MEASURE R. THEY SPENT MONEY ON THIS ITEM, THE M.T.A.
6 QUARTERLY, AND INSIDE THEY HAVE THIS LITTLE GAME THAT YOU CAN
7 PLAY, AND THERE'S A VARIATION OF IT. IT'S, LET'S GET MOVING.
8 YOU CAN HAVE, ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT
9 STARTING SPOTS, BUT JUST FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S JUST SAY YOU
10 CHANGE THE STARTING SPOTS, HAVE YOUR PEDESTRIAN BIKE PATH,
11 FREEWAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT, LIGHT RAIL, GOOD MOVEMENT
12 CORRIDOR, BUS RAPID TRANSIT, FREEWAY WIDENING AND HEAVY RAIL.
13 LET'S SAY YOU HAD THE BLUE LINE, THEN YOU HAD THE RED LINE,
14 THEN YOU HAD THE GOLD LINE, THEN YOU HAD THE PURPLE LINE.
15 START THE GAME, YOU GET HALFWAY THROUGH, RUN OUT OF MONEY.
16 START ANOTHER GAME, GET HALFWAY THROUGH, RUN OUT OF MONEY.
17 START ANOTHER GAME, GET HALFWAY THROUGH, RUN OUT OF MONEY AND
18 START ANOTHER GAME. LIKE CHESS MASTERS WHERE YOU CAN PLAY FOUR
19 DIFFERENT OR FIVE DIFFERENT GAMES OF CHESS, BUT THE ONLY THING
20 THAT THIS M.T.A. BOARD IS MASTER OF IS THE MASTER OF DISASTER.
21 THEY TALK ABOUT SAN DIEGO HAS A 20-YEAR PLAN, PORTLAND HAS A
22 20-YEAR PLAN. WHAT PLAN DOES THE M.T.A. HAVE? THEY HAVE A NEW
23 30-YEAR PLAN, FOR \$30 BILLION. BOY. I'D HATE TO THINK ABOUT
24 BEING AROUND IN 30 YEARS, 15 YEARS. IN 15 YEARS, LESS THAN 15
25 YEARS, THEY TALK ABOUT DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF TRAILERS COMING



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1 INTO PORT OF L.A. AND LONG BEACH. WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO PUT
2 THEM? ON WHAT FREEWAY, WHAT ACCESS? TRANSIT COALITION CALLED
3 FOR A BACKING OF MEASURE-- PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER MEASURE R,
4 WHICH SURPRISINGLY, THE SAME NUMBER OF PROJECTS BACKED BY THE
5 MURRAY BILL, WHICH WAS A 1/2 CENT SALES TAX, WHICH WASN'T
6 PASSED, BUT WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE LEGISLATION IN 2003.
7 ANYBODY HAVE A REASON WHY THE M.T.A. NEVER BROUGHT THAT UP?
8 OTHER THAN MAYBE ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS BEING THAT IT
9 CONTAINED A PROVISION FOR COMPLETION DATES FOR PROJECTS,
10 ALMOST THE EXACT SAME PROJECTS, GIVE OR TAKE \$2 BILLION,
11 WHICH, WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 30, IS CHUMP CHANGE, AND THE
12 PUBLIC IS THE CHUMP. AND THE FACT THAT THE FIVE OF YOU HAVE
13 SAT ON THE M.T.A. BOARD AND ALLOWED THESE THINGS TO CONTINUE
14 IS SHAMEFUL, IT'S ABSOLUTELY SHAMEFUL, SO DON'T CRY WOLF WHEN
15 YOU GET CALLED DOWN.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ABBY?

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OH. METRO DOLLARS,
20 ANYBODY?

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22 **ABBY OVITSKY:** MY NAME IS ABBY OVITSKY. I HAD A FEW WORDS, TO
23 READ A QUOTE. "WHENEVER WE TEAR THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES WHICH
24 ANOTHER MAN HAS PAINFULLY AND CLUMSILY WOVEN FOR HIMSELF AND
25 HIS CHILDREN, WHENEVER WE DO THIS, THE WHOLE NATION IS



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1 DEGRADED. TOO OFTEN WE EXERCISE, AND EXCUSE THOSE WHO ARE
2 WILLING TO BUILD OUR OWN LIVES" -- I'M SORRY. I'M NERVOUS.
3 "TOO OFTEN WE EXCUSE THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO BUILD THEIR OWN
4 LIVES ON THE SHATTERED DREAMS OF ANOTHER HUMAN BEING, BUT THIS
5 MUCH IS CLEAR: VIOLENCE BREEDS VIOLENCE, REPRESSION BREEDS
6 RETALIATION AND ONLY A CLEANSING OF OUR WHOLE SOCIETY CAN
7 CHANGE THIS SICKNESS FROM OUR SOULS. WHEN YOU TEACH A MAN TO
8 HATE AND FEAR HIS BROTHER, WHEN YOU TEACH THAT HE'S A LESSER
9 MAN BECAUSE OF HIS COLOR AND HIS BELIEFS OR THE POLICIES HE
10 PURSUES, WHEN YOU TEACH THOSE WHO DIFFER FROM YOU OR THREATEN
11 YOUR FREEDOM OR YOUR JOB OR YOUR HOME OR YOUR FAMILY, THEN YOU
12 ALSO LEARN TO CONFRONT OTHERS, NOT AS FELLOW CITIZENS BUT AS
13 ENEMIES TO BE SUBJUGATED AND MASTERED. WE LEARNED AT THE LAST
14 TO LOOK AT OUR BROTHERS AS ALIENS, ALIEN MEN WITH WHOM WE
15 SHARE A CITY BUT NOT A COMMUNITY, MEN BOUND TO US IN COMMON
16 DWELLING BUT NOT IN COMMON EFFORT. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO
17 BELIEVE. WE LEARN TO SHARE ONLY A COMMON FEAR, ONLY A COMMON
18 DESIRE TO RETREAT FROM EACH OTHER, ONLY A COMMON IMPULSE TO
19 MEET DISAGREEMENT WITH FORCE. OUR LIVES ON THIS PLANET ARE TOO
20 SHORT, THE WORK TO BE DONE TOO GREAT TO LET THE SPIRIT
21 FLOURISH ANY LONGER IN THIS LAND OF OURS. OF COURSE WE CANNOT
22 BANISH IT WITH A PROGRAM OR RESOLUTION, BUT WE CAN PERHAPS
23 REMEMBER FOR A TIME THAT THOSE WHO LIVE WITH US ARE OUR
24 BROTHERS, THAT THEY SHARE WITH US THE SAME SHORT MOMENT OF
25 LIFE, THAT THEY SEEK, AS DO WE, NOTHING BUT THE CHANCE TO LIVE



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1 OUT THEIR LIVES IN PURPOSE AND IN HAPPINESS, WINNING WHAT
2 SATISFACTION AND FULFILLMENT THEY CAN. SURELY THIS BOND OF
3 COMMON FAITH, SURELY THIS BOND OF COMMON GOALS CAN BEGIN TO
4 TEACH US SOMETHING. SURELY WE CAN LEARN AT THE VERY LEAST TO
5 LOOK AROUND AT THOSE OF US, OUR FELLOW MEN, AND SURELY WE CAN
6 BEGIN TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER TO BIND UP THE WOUNDS AMONG US
7 AND TO BECOME IN OUR HEARTS BROTHERS AND COUNTRYMEN ONCE
8 AGAIN." THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF ONE OF MY FAVORITE CATHOLICS,
9 BOBBY KENNEDY, FROM 1968. I'M ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER THE
10 COUNTY IS ACTIVELY INTERFERING WITH MY SON'S ENROLLMENT IN A
11 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL. THIS HAS BEEN GOING NOW ON FOR FOUR
12 MONTHS. STATE CHARTER LICENSE SCHOOL, THEY WON'T LET HIM
13 ATTEND. THE COUNTY IS ACTIVELY PROSELYTIZING. THERE WAS A
14 JEWISH FOSTER HOME AVAILABLE, CHOICE, THERE IS A FOSTER HOME
15 AVAILABLE NOW. THE COUNTY IS ACTIVELY PREVENTING HIM FROM
16 MOVING FROM WHERE THEY PLACED HIM IN A CATHOLIC HOME TO A
17 JEWISH HOME. I SUGGEST RESPECTFULLY THAT IF THE COUNTY WANTS
18 TO CONTROL ITS LITIGATION COSTS, THAT YOU TRY SETTLE SOME OF
19 THESE CONTESTED DEPENDENCY CASES BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET
20 MORE OF THEM. CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. THIS IS CHANGE AND THE
21 TREND IS TOWARDS CHANGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **WILL SHERMAN:** HI. MY NAME IS WILL SHERMAN, I'M WITH THE
24 SHERMAN GROUP, INC., AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS MY CONCERNS
25 TO MR. ANTONOVICH. WE ARE THE PRODUCT OF THE R.F.S.Q.



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1 REGARDING FOSTER CARE YOUTH. WHILE MY AGENCY AND THE COUNTY
2 HAVE AGREED TO BASICALLY DISAGREE, I'M TRYING TO MOVE ON.
3 UNFORTUNATELY, THIS HAS OPENED UP A CAN OF WORMS THAT IS NOT
4 ALLOWING ME TO RELEASE MYSELF FROM IT AS EASILY AS I CAN. AS A
5 RESULT OF THE DECISION THAT WAS ULTIMATELY MADE, MR.
6 ANTONOVICH-- I MEAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I HAD TO LET GO 56
7 EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COMING TO ME AND WANTING TO HAVE ANSWERS TO
8 THEIR CONCERNS, THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS. I AM ONLY HERE TO
9 SPEARHEAD SOMEWHAT A FLOOD OF PEOPLE GOING TO YOUR OFFICE IN
10 THAT DISTRICT TRYING TO GET SOME ANSWERS. I WOULD LIKE TO DO
11 WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOU WORK WITH ME
12 SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THEY'RE COMING TO ME WANTING ANSWERS THAT
13 I CANNOT PROVIDE IN MANY-- LET'S JUST SAY IN MANY OCCASIONS.
14 HOWEVER, THEY ARE THREATENING TO SUE ME AND MY AGENCY FOR OUR
15 NEGLIGENCE IN THIS PROCESS. I NEED TO FIND A VEHICLE TO
16 RELIEVE ME FROM THIS CONNECTION, IF I CAN, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
17 SOMEHOW SIT DOWN WITH YOU IN YOUR DEPARTMENT AND TRY TO MAKE
18 SOME KIND OF ARRANGEMENTS TO GET SOME ANSWERS TO THESE PEOPLE,
19 BECAUSE I CANNOT, HONESTLY. I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT I CAN
20 TELL THEM TO ADDRESS THEIR IMMEDIATE CONCERNS, BEING OUT THERE
21 IN THE AREA WITH NO EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERING-- OR BEING
22 UNEMPLOYED, CONSIDERING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS WE'RE IN.
23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** --WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES WITH THE PALMDALE AND
25 LANCASTER WORK SOURCE CENTERS, WE CAN ASSIST THOSE EMPLOYEES



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1 WITH THAT AND YOUR REPAYMENT PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY, YOU HAD
2 MET WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER?

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4 **WILL SHERMAN:** YES, WE HAVE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DID THAT MEETING GO?

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8 **WILL SHERMAN:** WELL, WE FOUND OUT THAT RATHER THAN \$70,000, WE
9 OWE \$200,000, SO I'LL FIND-- THAT'S MY ABILITY. I HAVE TO TAKE
10 THAT INTO ACCOUNT IN BEING CREATIVE ON HOW TO PAY THAT. THAT'S
11 BETWEEN ME AND THE COUNTY, BUT RIGHT NOW I'M TRYING TO ADDRESS
12 THE CONCERNS OF THESE EMPLOYEES THAT I LET GO, AND ONE OF THE
13 THINGS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU, I WAS TOLD ABOUT THE PROGRAM
14 THAT YOU GUYS HAVE IN PLACE. HOWEVER, I HAVE ONE EMPLOYEE WHO
15 WAS TELLING ME THAT THEY ARE EMPLOYED WITH ME, THEY HAVE A
16 HISTORY, THEY'RE TRYING TO BUY A HOUSE AND NOW THEY ARE RIGHT
17 IN THE MIDDLE AND I HAVE TO TELL THEM THAT THIS PERSON IS NO
18 LONGER EMPLOYED AND WHATEVER NEW EMPLOYMENT THIS PERSON
19 RECEIVED, IT HAS TO BE A HISTORY IN ORDER FOR THEM TO QUALIFY
20 FOR THAT LOAN. WE HAVE SOME REAL CONCERNS OUT THERE, MR.-- I
21 MEAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, EXCUSE ME, AND I JUST-- I MEAN, I
22 KNOW HOW TO RUN MY BUSINESS AND I HAVE TO ADMIT, SUPERVISOR,
23 THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT HAPPEN THAT I DO NOT-- I DIDN'T
24 ANTICIPATE FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT I WAS PREPARED TO HANDLE



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1 THIS-- HANDLE, AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE SITUATIONS. I JUST
2 NEVER EXPECTED TO LOSE OUR CONTRACT UNDER THESE TERMS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN GET YOU THE INFORMATION ON THE WORK
5 SOURCE CENTERS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES. THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
6 INVOLVED IN GETTING A LOAN QUALIFIED NOW HAVING A TEMPORARY OR
7 DISPLACEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, I HAVE NO-- JUST NO AUTHORITY OR
8 ABILITY TO HANDLE THAT CASE BECAUSE THAT'S BETWEEN THAT
9 INDIVIDUAL AND THEIR MORTGAGE COMPANY OR THE BANK, WHOEVER IS
10 HANDLING THAT.

11

12 **WILL SHERMAN:** YOU KNOW, I KNOW A LOT OF ISSUES YOU CANNOT
13 HANDLE. I'M JUST LETTING YOU KNOW WHAT MY DILEMMA AND MY
14 CONCERNS ARE. LET ME ASK ONE OTHER QUESTION, FOLKS, AND THIS
15 IS TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS. THERE HAS BEEN A-- I AM TO
16 UNDERSTAND THAT SOME TIME OCTOBER, AND I'M SORRY, AUGUST OF
17 NEXT YEAR, THERE'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER SUBMISSION. SEE, I'M
18 CONCERNED THAT I HAVE CREATED-- I'VE STEPPED ON SOME TOES THAT
19 I MIGHT BE LEFT OUT OF THAT PROCESS. LET'S NOT GET INTO THAT
20 BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE OFF THE RECORD AND I DON'T HAVE ANY
21 EVIDENCE TO PROVE IT, BUT I JUST WANT TO--

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE ABLE TO APPLY NEXT YEAR.

24

25 **WILL SHERMAN:** SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE NO HITCHES AGAINST THAT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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4 **WILL SHERMAN:** THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MY EMPLOYEES ARE
5 ASKING. THEY HEARD ABOUT THAT AND WILL WE BE ABLE TO RESURRECT
6 NEXT YEAR, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT WHEN I COME BACK AND APPLY, I'M
7 GOING TO RUN INTO THE SAME LOOPHOLES THAT I'M RUNNING INTO
8 RIGHT NOW. AND I EVEN TALKED TO PROBATION, CHILDREN AND FAMILY
9 SERVICES, AND THEY CAN'T MAKE ME NO GUARANTEES THAT IF I WAIT
10 AND HOLD OFF UNTIL NEXT YEAR, THAT I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO
11 REAPPLY OR EVEN IF I DO REAPPLY, I WILL QUALIFY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH YOUR REPAYMENT PLAN,
14 THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

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16 **WILL SHERMAN:** WELL, WE'LL WAIT AND SEE, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT SEE
17 ME BACK UP HERE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

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21 **WILL SHERMAN:** WELL, THAT'S ABOUT THE BEST YOU CAN DO FOR ME
22 RIGHT NOW AND I'LL TRY TO GET THAT INFORMATION DISSEMINATED,
23 BUT I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU YOU MAY NOT BE GETTING SOME LETTERS
24 FROM THOSE EMPLOYEES.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SIR.

2

3 **WILL SHERMAN:** THANK YOU.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
7 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2,
8 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION;
9 ITEM NUMBER C.S.-3, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT
10 TO THE POSITION OF LEAD ATTORNEY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL
11 INVESTIGATION UNIT; ITEM NUMBER C.S.-4, CONSIDERATION OF
12 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND ITEM NUMBER C.S.-
13 5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND
14 DESIGNATED STAFF AND ITEM NUMBER C.S.-6, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
15 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AS POSTED ON THE REGULAR
16 AGENDA AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS' NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
18 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008 AT 9:30 A.M.. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2008

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Harold P.

7 Sturgeon v. Los Angeles County, et al., Los Angeles Superior

8 Court Case No. BC 351286

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10 This case involves a taxpayer's challenge to the payment of

11 certain benefits by the County to judges of the Los Angeles

12 Superior Court. (08-3159)

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14 ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized County Counsel to pursue

15 all available appellate review in the case titled, Harold P.

16 Sturgeon v. Los Angeles County, et al.

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18 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

19 present.

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21 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-3, CS-4, CS-5

22 or CS-6.

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